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FULL STORY OF THE TONG ON COLLISION AT WUCHOW

A FARCICAL TRIAL

As was briefly reported in a Naval Wireless message about a month ago, the steam launch Tong On (given out as the Tung On in the message) was detained by the Chinese Military Authorities at Wuchow subsequent to a collision with a "commandeered" launch, but so far the actual details have not been published.

The full story of the collision, the subsequent seizure of the launch and the trial of the pilot and coxswain was obtained by a China Mail representative this morning in an interview with the owner of the Tong On.

A Collision

It appeared that the Tong On, which is under British registry, whilst towing a fleet of lighters to Wuchow, came into collision with the launch Tien Hoi at a spot below Shuihung on December 27. The Tien Hoi was a Chinese vessel and at the time she was commandeered by the Chinese Military Authorities. The Tien Hoi sank as a result of the collision and the Tong On was immediately placed under arrest. She was escorted back to Wuchow with a great quantity of non-perishable cargo, she was allowed to proceed on her way. A military escort, however, was placed on board.

Naval Intervention

On arrival at Wuchow the matter was reported to Military Headquarters, and the Tong On was peremptorily seized. Fortunately there were two British sloops in harbour, and they intervened. The British Naval officers in command of the sloops pointed out to the Chinese Military Authorities that as the Tong On was flying the British flag, she was therefore entitled to British protection.

As a result, the Tong On was placed in charge of the Commissioner of the Chinese Maritime Customs there, who himself was a Chinese official. The pilot and coxswain of the Tong On were taken into custody, and the vessel detained.

Demands Preposterous

Meanwhile the owner in Hong Kong was notified and he at once despatched a representative to Wuchow to effect an amicable settlement. The Military Authorities there demanded \$2,000 for the salvage of the Tien Hoi, \$4,000 for repairs and another \$1,000 for the loss of gear.

The demands made were too preposterous, to say the least, and the owner asked the matter to be taken before a Civil Court. Either there was not a Civil Court in Wuchow or the Military Authorities were not agreeable to this, the case was brought before the Military Tribunal. At the trial, which was held subsequently, no attempt was made to investigate the circumstances surrounding the collision. Neither the coxswain nor the pilot was allowed to present his case. The presiding judge at the Military Tribunal put one very ambiguous question to the pilot which could either be meant "Were you responsible for the collision?" or "Were you responsible for the ship?"

"Confession"

Taking it to mean the latter, the pilot truthfully answered that he was responsible for the ship. The Military Court then held that the man had confessed to his guilt! The ship remained under detention and the pilot and coxswain were placed in custody. They were, however, well treated during their incarceration.

The owner of the Tong On, whilst realising that his employees had not been given a fair trial and that the demands made were too unreasonable to comply with, refrained from enlisting the aid of the British Consul at Wuchow for fear of bringing about international complications.

Clearance Granted

In the meanwhile his representative had been busy making negotiations with the owners of the Tien Hoi, and the last Naval Wireless message received here was on February 2, saying that the Tong On had been granted her clearance paper and that she would be leaving for Hong Kong. The owner of the Tong On told our representative this morning that the vessel would not be in

LABOUR CLASH WITH HOUSE OF LORDS

AMENDMENT RESISTED BY THE GOVERNMENT

EXTREMISTS RESTRAINED

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Cabinet to-day after a meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party agreed to compromise in the conflict which has arisen between the House of Commons and the House of Lords over the Unemployment Insurance Bill. It is officially stated that at a meeting the Premier set forth the situation created by the action of the House of Lords in insisting upon their amendment, limiting the duration of the Bill to one year. He pointed out that there were three courses open, namely, to accept the amendment, resist it, or amend it.

The meeting decided to act upon the Government's suggestion that the House of Lords' amendment be amended to provide that the measure should continue in force until June 30, 1933.

The compromise implies the acceptance of the principle of limitation laid down by the House of Lords.

The reasons for limitation as given in a paper issued to-day are that the House of Lords consider that, "Before passing permanent legislation it is desirable that opportunity be afforded Parliament for further examining questions relating to unemployment insurance."

The matter will come up for debate in the House of Commons late to-night. In the event of modification of the House of Lords' amendment being passed, it is expected that a modification will be accepted by the House of Lords. It appears that at a meeting of the Cabinet with the Parliamentary Labour Party, a compromise proposal was strongly resisted by a section of the party, but counsel of moderation prevailed.—British Wireless Service.

Three-Year Time Limit

London, Yesterday.

The House of Commons unanimously agreed to the Government proposal to substitute a three year time limit for the Unemployment Insurance Bill for the House of Lords time limit year. The Bill will then be returned to the House of Lords for reconsideration.

Earlier Cable

At the meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party mentioned this morning which was addressed by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, who pointed out the three courses open, i.e., the Acceptance of the Amendment, Resistance of the Amendment (signifying dropping the Bill), or Amendment of the Amendment. The meeting decided to amend the amendment to provide for the operation of the Bill till June 30, 1933.

It also announced the Government agreed to concur with the Liberal proposal to postpone the consideration of Part I. of the Coal Mines Bill until other provisions and new clauses to be proposed had been disposed of.—Reuter.

MYSTERIOUS DEATH

It is understood that an inquest is to be held to-morrow afternoon on the body of a Chinese employee of the Royal Naval Dockyard, who is alleged to have succumbed through consuming a piece of cake containing arsenic that had been intended for a rat. The incident is said to have occurred a few weeks ago, but so far nothing has been divulged by the Police or the Dockyard authorities, although it has been known that investigations have been proceeding.

Hong Kong until Saturday. She had been delayed on account of the Chinese New Year holidays. Up to now he does not know what guarantee his agent there has given to the Military Authorities, but his instructions to his agent was that they would undertake to salvage the Tien Hoi. Since the Tong On had been released, it would be reasonable to conclude that the Military Authorities at Wuchow had accepted the terms of settlement.

MURDER OF A SAMPAH GIRL

CHINESE CHARGED AT THE DISTRICT COURT

ALLEGED CRIME DESCRIBED

The case in which Yu Sang, Li Sze, and Ip Sui-wan are charged with the murder of a sampah girl, Kwok Ching-mun, on board a boat at Cheung Chau on the night of December 17, was again before Mr. J. S. MacLaren, Assistant District Officer, New Territories, at the Court of the Southern District, Post Office Building, this morning.

The important witness for the prosecution still being unavailable, proceedings were confined to the reading of the prisoners' statements on the charges of murder and robbery. The statements were all verified by the men.

Murder Denied

On the murder charge, Yu Sang, on December 19, at the Central Police Station stated: "I did not murder her. The people on several of the boats near by called out 'Thief' I got frightened and jumped into the harbour."

The second prisoner, Li Sze, stated that on the night of December 17, he was with Yu Sang. They were ashore together. He saw that Yu Sang had a knife. When they got aboard the sampah, Yu Sang took two bangles from the girl, who called out "Save life" and then jumped into the water. He himself was at the bow of the boat at the time.

Seized by the Neck

Ip Sui-wan, when questioned, said, "I know nothing. I did not murder the girl. I was sleeping at the stern of her boat." He added that he saw that Yu Sang had a knife. He also saw him seize the girl by the neck. When the girl called out "Save life," he at once jumped into the water. He did not know what happened afterwards, as the girl was still on the boat when he jumped overboard.

Yu Sang, when charged on January 9 with robbery, admitted that he took two bangles from the girl. He also admitted that he brought a knife with him on the sampah.

The other two prisoners both denied any participation in the affair. Prisoners were formally remanded until Wednesday, February 12.

SMOKE NUISANCE

Summons Against a Ginger Factory

COAL OR COKE?

The manager of the Yee Loong Ginger Factory appeared at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith in answer to a summons issued against defendant to abate a smoke nuisance.

Mr. F. H. Loebey appeared for the defendant and said that the factory was a newly built one and had a chimney about 40 feet in height. They had not fully complied with the Sanitary Department's orders, but would like an adjournment so that the factory management could try the burning of coke or briquettes. They had already begun stocking a better quality of coal.

Mr. Loebey intimated that coke was liable to give off sulphur vapour, carbon monoxide and dioxide, which was rather inconvenient.

The Magistrate adjourned the case for three weeks.

TRAFFIC MISHAPS

Girl Jumps Off Moving Motor Bus

CYCLIST KNOCKED DOWN

Neglecting the rules of the bus by jumping off while it was in motion resulted in the removal to the Kowloon Hospital this morning of a Chinese girl, living at 9 Kimberley Road, who received skin bruises and cuts to the right hand and knee.

The girl was not detained at the hospital.

Mr. A. A. Remedios, residing at 6 Gordon Terrace, Hanol Road, has reported to the Police that while riding his motor cycle, solo along Waterloo Road toward Prince Edward Road, and between Suffolk and Norfolk Roads, a Chinese riding a push bicycle suddenly came across his way and was knocked down, receiving bad cuts to his right thigh, which necessitated treatment at the Kowloon Hospital.

JAPANESE STOWAWAY

An unemployed Japanese, named Pumph, was at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning fined \$50 with the alternative of one month's hard labour for leaving away on the "Dahai" from Hong Kong to the Colony.

AUSTRALIAN AIR TRAGEDY

COMPENSATION FOR WIDOWS OF THE PILOTS

UNAUTHORISED FLIGHT

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Air Accidents Investigation Committee at Melbourne, Australia, has reported regarding the seaplane tragedy on January 6 in which Captain Hugh Grosvenor, Flight-Lieutenant Briggs and Leading-Aircraftman Ewen were killed.

The report states that the flight was undertaken to give Captain Grosvenor instruction in operating an amphibian machine, which was being flown under dual control. Authority was not obtained to make the flight under such conditions, and the accident was apparently due to some crisis in the course of instruction. The Air Board recommends \$500 compensation each for the widows of Briggs and Ewen.—British Wireless Service.

STOP PRESS

London, Yesterday.

The Daily News, referring to the conversations between the Japanese and the American delegates at the Naval Conference yesterday says that the difficulty over Japan's claim to 70 per cent. of the American large cruiser tonnage persists, but it is generally believed that the Japanese would modify their attitude if some substantial inducement could be held out. A British decision to modify or abandon the Singapore Base scheme is one possible factor in the situation.—Reuter.

London, Yesterday.

The Lancashire Cotton Corporation has authorised an increase of capital by £538,000 to over \$4,000,000. The increase is intended to provide for the absorption of eight more companies, controlling 950,000 spindles.—Reuter.

EXPROPRIATION OF PRIVATE PROPERTIES

Canton, Yesterday.

In connection with the construction of roads in the outskirts, the Bureau of Public Works has issued a notification that no remuneration will be given to the owners of lands, partly expropriated, whilst those whose lands are totally taken over by the Government will be compensated according to the usual regulations.—Canton News Agency.

W. H. TAFT GRAVELY ILL

Washington, Yesterday.

The doctors this evening pronounced that ex-Chief Justice Taft's condition is serious. Several specialists have been called in for a consultation.—Reuter's American Service.

OVERCAST AND FOGGY

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states:—

The anti-cyclone is central to the North of Vladivostok. The apex of a V-shaped depression lies to the S.W. of Japan.

Light, variable winds over the China Sea.

Forecast:—N.W. or variable winds; moderate, generally overcast; fog.

Rainfall

Rainfall since January 1, 2.23 inch, against an average of 1.77 inch.

Temperature and Humidity

The temperature and humidity at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock were:

	Temp.	Humid.
Hong Kong	65	84
Macao	65	100
Prata Island	69	90
Madira	68	94
Amoy	64	84
Swatow	59	84
Chaochow	60	100
Shanghai	37	63

NAVAL CONFERENCE PROGRESSING

THE FRENCH TRANSACTIONAL PROPOSAL

GENERAL AGREEMENT

Rugby, Yesterday.

The First Committee of the London Naval Conference met at St. James's Palace this morning. A communique issued later states, "In addition to the statements made at the various meetings, the Committee had under consideration the French transactional proposal and a series of draft resolutions outlining under five heads the compromise proposed by the United Kingdom delegation."

As arranged at the previous meeting, the discussion opened on the basis of the French transactional proposal. After discussion, in which Admiral Sir Lancelotti, Admiral Takarabe, Mr. Nagai, Mr. Gibson and Mr. Alexander set forth the views of their respective delegations on the principles of the proposal, the Committee proceeded to discuss it in detail.

The meeting of the First Committee of Conference was still proceeding when the heads of the delegations met at St. James's Palace to discuss the further procedure of the Conference. A communique states, "There was general agreement that the conversations between the delegations which are giving good results in preparing the way for agreements must continue. The heads of the delegations will meet again to-morrow to continue their discussion in the light of the work of the First Committee."—British Wireless Service.

Experts Busy

London, Yesterday.

It is understood that the technical experts are first considering the British and French proposals with a view to reporting thereon to their chiefs, when the latter have arrived back to the scene of their labours.—Reuter.

ALLEGED BRIBERY Charges Against Chinese Police

A SERGEANT'S \$1,000

Mr. L. R. Andrewes, Assistant Crown Solicitor appeared for the Crown at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, when Lance Sergeant Tao Chia-shuen and Police Constable Lu Pao-fin both of the Wei-hai-wei contingent of the Police Force, faced amended charges of forged chops and bribery which were first brought against them on Friday, when a remand was made.

Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios Crown Solicitor appeared for the sergeant.

Mr. Remedios applied for bail, but Mr. Sparrow opposed, the Magistrate pointing out the seriousness of the charges.

In regard to the \$1,000 which was the property of the sergeant, Mr. Remedios said that he wished the Police not to retain it and that he was "not going to do work without being paid."

With reference to the money actually paid, Mr. Sparrow indicated that they would never be able to trace it at all.

Mr. Andrewes intimated that it was not within the Magistrate's jurisdiction to settle the retainerment.

The Magistrate, in saying that he was disinclined to grant bail, fixed the hearing for Tuesday and Wednesday, February 11 and 12, at 2.15 p.m.

JAPANESE CONSUL HONOURED

The China Mail is informed that Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands has been pleased to appoint Mr. T. Yoshida, acting Consul-General of Japan, who recently took charge of the Imperial Consulate-General in Hong Kong, an officer in the order of Orange Nassau.

Mr. Yoshida was formerly Secretary of the Imperial Japanese Legation in The Hague.

IDLE LIST

Rugby, Yesterday.

The total number of unemployed on January 27 was 1,481,500, which was 15,000 more than the week before, and 97,423 more than the year before.—British Wireless Service.

DEATH PENALTY FOR DRUG GANGS?

GREAT SUPPLIES OF COCAINE FROM JAPAN

CHINA'S APPEAL

London, Yesterday.

In the House of Commons at question time, Mr. J. R. Clynes replied in the negative to a request by a Conservative, Mr. W. E. D. Allen, that the Home Secretary should consider introducing the death penalty in the case of those convicted as principals in the drugs traffic.

Geneva, Yesterday.

At the Opium Commission, Sir Malcolm de Levingne (Britain) alluded to the ever growing use of drugs in the Far East, and said that a large part was of Japanese origin.

Lt.-Col. J. P. Campbell (India) declared that a great quantity of cocaine was brought to India from the Far East, where the only producing country was Japan.

Mr. Ito (Japan) expatiated on the actions of the Japanese Government, which had to face great practical difficulties in order to check the illicit traffic, and said that those efforts would be vigorously followed up.

Mr. Woo Kai-seng again appealed on behalf of China for the restriction of the manufacture of narcotics to medical and scientific requirements, and demanded the publication of all information regarding the illicit traffic in the possession of the Governments represented.—Reuter.

SPARED A FLOGGING

At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning Liu Tat, an unemployed native of Tsang Hing, was charged before Mr. Whyte-Smith with the theft of an iron bar from a contractor at Sha Po Road, and, also with returning to the Colony before his banishment term of five years from August, 1929, had expired.

In view of the man's frail physique the Magistrate said he would not order him a flogging but would sentence him to one year's jail with hard labour for returning from banishment, and six months' jail for the larceny, the sentence to run concurrently.

ELUDED THE WATCHMAN

With two previous convictions against him for larceny, one in 1927 and the other in 1928, a Chinese was at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning sentenced to four months' jail with hard labour for stealing 82 white galvanised tiles, the property of the Lim Yue Kee firm of building contractors in Prince Edward Road.

It was stated that the contractor employed six watchmen, but the one who was supposed to be on duty was not there. The thief thus had no difficulty in entering one of the houses under construction!

CHINESE BIOLOGIST DEPARTS

Canton, Yesterday.

Accompanied by his subordinates, Mr. Wong Keung, the Director of the Special Industrial Committee of Hainan, sailed on Sunday for Hainan to resume his post. It is learned that his former collections of biological and mineral specimens have been totally destroyed during the recent revolt on the island.—Canton News Agency.

CANTON-WUCHOW BUS SERVICE

Canton, Yesterday.

The Waichow Garrison Headquarters have ordered the resumption of bus traffic between Canton and Waichow, as the bus service is now practically the only means of communication, the waterways being too shallow for navigation.—Canton News Agency.

SPITTING IN COURT

At the conclusion of a case in the Kowloon Court to-day a contractor's fork-a witness was brought before Mr. Whyte-Smith for spitting in the Court room.

Mr. Whyte-Smith cautioned the man and told him that the next time he was caught, a heavy fine would be the result.

AMERICA AND HAITI

Washington, Yesterday.

President Hoover has announced that he is appointing a commission immediately to study the question of when and how the United States Government should withdraw from Haiti.—Reuter's American Service.

CHINESE MILITARY SITUATION

LOYAL TROOPS HINDERED BY COLD WEATHER

ATTACK ON LAIPO

Canton, Yesterday.

During last two weeks, the cold weather had hindered the loyal troops from following up the rebels, who were thus able to snatch a much needed rest and to gather together their remnants. Realising the precarious situation of holding only the Fu River, while the 8th Route Armies are pressing from the front, and the Hunan forces from the rear, the rebels were compelled to lead the main body of their troops to the upper West River, and to combine with the Communistic army under Yu Tso-pao, who had successfully captured Nanning by driving out the troops of General Lui Woon-yim.

The loyal forces under Tsoi Ting-kai and Chiang Kwong-nai of the 60th and 61st Divisions are now moving from Mengkong towards Pingnam and Kowchow, with Kwelping, as their objective. It is reported that General Chan Chai-long will shortly proceed to Teng-yuan, personally to direct the campaign.

Capture of Liuchow

Being responsible for the capture of Liuchow, the 6th Route Army is understood to have occupied Lutuk, about 60 li from Pinglo, after a sharp encounter with the rebels. Lai-po is expected to fall immediately.

A telegraphic message from General Mo Chien, Chairman of Hunan, states that two divisions of Hunan troops under General Liu Chin-shu and Pan Ying, which are concentrated at Yungchow, on the Kwangsi-Hunan border, have been instructed to penetrate into Kwangsi, with Kwelping as the ultimate goal.

Another report indicates that the 3rd Brigade of the 18th Hunan Division is pushing forward to Fuchuen, about 100 li from Pinglo, and that the 1st Brigade of the 15th Hunan Division has captured Kuanai, about 200 li from Kwelping. General Liu Chin-shu has been appointed C.I.C. of the advancing column.

Kuomintang New Commanders

Taiyuan, Yesterday.

General Yen Hsi-san on February 3, recommended to the Central Government the appointments of Generals Li Ming-chung and Chang Chi-chang as Commanders of the Kuomintang. It is learned that the Government will take General Yen's request into consideration and will issue Letters of Appointment to the two generals before long.

Troops Movements

Nanking, Yesterday.

The main body of the 2nd Route Army are transferred to garrison Nanking and the Tsin-Pu Line, leaving the 18th Division, together with the 5th Route Army, to take over the defence of Wuhan area and the protection of the southern section of the Ping-Han Line.

North-Eastern Situation

Liaoning, Yesterday.

Due to disagreement arising out of the Sino-Russian negotiation, General Chang Hsueh-liang has instructed the border-defence troops not to relax their vigilance. Complying with this order, General Hu Yu-chun has ceased the withdrawal of his troops, who are still stationed along Ching-an.

Szechuen Generals' Conference

Chengtu, Yesterday.

General Liu Wen-hui, chairman of Szechuen Province, General Tien Chung-yu, Commander of the 29th Army, and General Teng Sik-hou have proceeded to Kanyang to attend the military conference, in order to solve the problem for settling the present trouble.—Canton News Agency.

WATER WASTERS

Two Chinese married women appeared before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning charged with allowing water to run to waste at a street fountain at Ha Sha Po in Kowloon City.

Both admitted the offence, and were fined \$2 each.

The Magistrate intimated that constantly when walking through Canton Road or any other street, he saw people washing their clothes and letting the water overflow in the trucks, and it seemed to him that the defendants were part of "piped out" from the western.

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HIMALAYA MARU	Friday, 7th February.
SYDNEY MARU	Thursday, 6th March.
HAIPHONG—Via Hoihow & Pakhoi.	Thursday, 6th March.
MENADO MARU	Thursday, 6th March.
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JAPAN PORTS	Monday, 17th February.
ALASKA MARU	Monday, 17th February.
TACOMA MARU	Monday, 17th February.
KEELUNG—Via Swatow & Amoy.	Sunday, 9th February, noon.
HOZAN MARU	Sunday, 10th February, noon.
CANTON MARU	Sunday, 10th February, noon.
TAKAO—Via SWATOW & AMOY.	Thursday, 13th February, 10 a.m.
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Arrangements have been made for a limited number of passengers to be carried, and there is also accommodation for a large number of native passengers. The cargo gear is, as usual, first-class throughout, there being 28 derricks with ranges of lifts from two tons to 50 tons. Power to these derricks is supplied 24 electrically-driven winches of the owners' special design, manufactured by Messrs. Clarke, Chapman and Co., Ltd.

The ship's refrigerating machinery, which is electrically-driven, was supplied by Messrs. J. and E. Hall, Dartford. The galley cooking appliances are of the latest electric type, and were supplied by Messrs. Henry Wilson and Co., of Liverpool.

Small Turning Circle

The Menestheus is under the command of Captain A. E. Dodd, who has been with Messrs. Alfred Holt and Co. for 30 years. The ship left the wharf of the shipbuilding company in the early hours of the morning, and carried out her speed, consumption and turning trials until late in the afternoon, when she returned to the shipyard. The trials were in every way satisfactory, both to the owners and builders' representative, the engines running without vibration, and the turning circle being of very small diameter.

It is interesting to record that the fleet of the Blue Funnel Line at present in commission totals some 678,500 tons, and that with the ships building will total 731,000 tons.

The Menestheus is largely built of high elastic limit steel, which has been developed and made a practical proposition by the company's chief metallurgical chemist, Mr. F. G. Martin. Three of the vessels which have been built of this particular steel are in commission, and all succeeding vessels, building under the company's present programme, will be of the same steel. These particular ships have also a special rudder of the owners' design, which is of cast steel.

During the trials a thorough inspection of the ship was made under the personal supervision of Mr. Lawrence Holt, and the whole of the vessel, from stem to stern, with every part of the equipment, was very closely inspected by him.

The Menestheus will carry a British crew, with the exception of

Chinese greasers, who will be berthed aft. The crew's quarters are not only very spacious, clean and well supplied, but each room is provided with an electric heater, two men being berthed in each room.

On the poop there is a tunnel escape, whereby those engaged in the engine room can reach the deck from below should anything unforeseen happen. Included in the boats provided on the Menestheus are a motor launch and a sailing boat. These are specially provided for the purpose of giving the midshipman practical knowledge in the handling of boats. The lifeboats, 16 in all, of which 8 are self-propelled, were built to the designs of Mr. George Turnbull. The boat davits are of the radial type, fitted with Turnbull's patent turning-out gear. The galley is placed on the centre castle deck, and is fitted with electricity throughout. On this deck is also placed the emergency generating plant. In the event of an accident this plant can still maintain all the essential services of the ship.

The ship's wireless installation is one of a type which was the first to be used by Britain on ships on the direct current system of 2,000 volts. It is fitted with auto alarm devices. The master and officers' accommodation is on the lower bridge deck, while the midshipmen are housed in the alleyway on the port side of the centre castle deck, together with the engineers and petty officers.

The ship is supplied with the latest navigational appliances, and her side lights are fool proof against accident, as alternative bulbs are supplied, and in the event of their failing to work a warning bell is started on the bridge in the chart room.

Main Engines and Auxiliaries

The engines are of 8-cylinder, 740 mm. diameter, and 1,500 mm. stroke, airless injection, Burmeister and Wain, pressure supercharged on the Rateau system employing exhaust gas turbines. The total 2 h.p. is 8,600 at 110 r.p.m. when supercharged, and 6,600 b.h.p. at 105 r.p.m. when not supercharged. The extra power in the cylinders, made possible by the Rateau turbo chargers, calls for the very best materials for the cylinder heads, liners and pistons, consequently these are all made of Perlit. In most of the high class Diesel engines to-day Perlit cylinder heads, liners and pistons are standard because of the ability of this metal to withstand the high stresses, both mechanical and thermal, which are imposed upon them in this type of engine. Perlit cylinder liners wear much less and consequently last much longer than liners made of special cast-iron, and cylinder heads and pistons made of Perlit are much less subject to cracking than when made of ordinary cast-iron.

The auxiliary engines are three 170 k.w. 3-cylinder airless injection Burmeister and Wain type, running at 300 r.p.m. Two 7½ ton Holt and Willlet, and three motor electric cranes are arranged so that each crane can be used for the port and starboard engines. Firefoam fire extinguishing appliances are supplied in accordance with the latest Board of Trade requirements, and in addition to this a 1,000 gallon Phomene gravity installation comprising mixing tank, a double compartment solution tank, from which perforated pipes are led round the engine room underneath the floor plates. A 30 k.w. emergency dynamo, driven by a petrol paraffin engine, is fitted on the boat deck.

WARSHIPS IN PORT

British warships in port this morning were:—In Basin of R.N. Dockyard, "Tamar," "Sterling," "Herald," "Petersfield," "Iroquois," "Cicala." In Dock: "Serpent," "Cicala." No. 1 Buoy: "Suffolk." No. 7 Buoy: "Girdar." No. 12 Buoy: "Thracian." No. 13 Buoy: "Cicala."

New Water Cooling System

Water cooling for the main engines is arranged on a new system—part of the cooling water discharge from the main cylinder heads and jackets can be by-passed to the cooling water pump suction, the amount being governed by the operation of the valves on the discharge overhead, sea suction to the pump, and the by-pass pipe from the discharge pipe to the pump suction. The object of this arrangement is to raise the temperature of the inlet water jackets in cold weather, thus allowing a large quantity of water to be passed through the system, preventing airlocks, &c., and ensuring a good flow of water over all the surfaces.

The tunnel bearings are of the Mitchell type fitted with gunmetal pads lined with white metal. The propellers are of 16 ft. diameter by 18 ft. pitch, with cast-iron boss, high tension bronze blades of aerofoil section and fitted with Perlit cone. Cooling water, and lubricating oil pumps, also the lubricating oil coolers, are of the large size to deal with the

increased heat transference when the engines are running supercharged. The lubricating oil and fuel oil transfer pumps of gear wheel type were supplied by Burmeister and Wain. The cooling water pumps are of the vertical centrifugal type, and all other pumps, including bilge and sanitary pumps, are supplied by Drysdale. The engines are provided with five small starting air receivers, three placed on the engine room floor, one above the other, and two on the bulkhead, instead of the usual two large receivers.

Fuel oil is supplied to the main engine free from dirt, sediment, &c., by employing a series of three filters between the daily supply tanks and the engine, besides passing all the oil which is used through De Laval separators. The return oil from the fuel pump spill valves on both main and auxiliary engines is taken to a small tank situated above the daily service tank. The oil then flows back to the daily service tank from which it was taken. The engine room is well ventilated by means of six large and four smaller ventilators, two of the larger ones being led between the main engines, and the other eight ventilate the other parts of the engine room, particular care being taken about the spaces round the auxiliary engines and the exhaust driven turbo chargers.

All the motors attached to the engine room auxiliaries are operated on the new Uni-start control system, of which the patents are held jointly by the Brookhirst Switchgear, Ltd., and the Sunderland Forge and Engineering Co., Ltd. The great advantage are required, one for the smaller motors and the other for the larger ones, instead of one complete starter for each motor.

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This arrangement is very much cheaper, is of less trouble, takes up less space and is equally as efficient as a pump driven by a second electric motor and supplied with current from a storage battery. There is always an abundant supply of surplus air in the engine-room of a diesel engine ship which is usually blown to waste, but in the present case a part of this is taken to a small air reservoir, which supplies the air engine when required.



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MACEDONIA	11,120	1st Mar.	Marseilles & London.
KASHMIR	8,965	8th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
KALYAN	9,144	15th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*ALIPORE	5,273	19th Mar.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
RAWALPINDI	16,619	29th Mar.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.

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TAKIWA	7,055	26th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TILAWA	10,000	11th Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
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*ALIPORE	5,273	11th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
KALYAN	9,144	15th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,000	20th Feb.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
TALAMBA	8,018	21st Feb.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
RAWALPINDI	16,619	28th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TAKADA	9,945	7th Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	11th Mar.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
MALWA	10,980	14th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*NAGPORE	5,283	17th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TALMA	10,000	22nd Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*BELTANA	10,000	27th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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SHIPPING IN 1929

British Proportion of Increase

London, Yesterday.

According to Lloyd's Annual Summary of Mercantile Shipbuilding the world's output reached 2,793,210 tons, an increase of 93,971 tons as compared with 1928.

The output of Great Britain and Ireland represents 54.5 per cent. of the whole world's output as compared with 53.6 per cent. in 1927-1928.

The present tonnage of internal combustion vessels is 84.4 per cent. of steam tonnage as compared with 62.8 per cent. in 1927.

The tonnage of motor-ships is nearly 400,000 tons over the steam tonnage. There is also a notable increase in oil-burners which in 1914 was 1,310,000 tons, it is now nearly twenty million. —Reuter.

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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The B.I. s.s. Talma will leave Amoy for this port on February 5, p.m., and is due here on February 6, p.m.

The P. & O. s.s. Alipore left Singapore for this port on February 4 at noon, and is due here on February 11 at about 2 p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Australia, R/W. Cruise, arrived at Singapore on February 4 (Tues.) at 8 a.m., left Singapore on February 5 (Wed.) at 6 a.m., and is due at Bangkok on February 7 (Fri.) at 4 a.m. and Hong Kong on February 14 (Fri.) at 8 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Asia arrived at Manila on February 5 (Wed.) at 7 a.m., leaves Manila on February 5 (Wed.) at 4 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong on February 7 (Fri.) at 8.30 a.m.

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Tsai via S'ow & S'hai	FOOSHING	Wed., 12th Feb. at 7 a.m.
Tsai via S'ow & S'hai	HOPSHANG	Sun., 16th Feb. at 7 a.m.
Tsai via S'ow & S'hai	HANGSANG	Wed., 19th Feb. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	KUTSANG	Tues., 11th Feb. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	YUENSANG	Tues., 18th Feb. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	SUISANG	Wed., 26th Feb. at 7 a.m.
S'pore, Penang & Calcutta	HOSANG	Thurs., 13th Feb. at 3 p.m.
S'pore, Penang & Calcutta	KUMSANG	Tues., 18th Feb. at 3 p.m.
S'pore, Penang & Calcutta	NAMSANG	Mon., 24th Feb. at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	HINSANG	Thurs., 6th Feb. at Noon
Tientsin via Swatow	CHIPSING	Mon., 24th Feb. at 3 p.m.
Tientsin via Swatow	CHEONGSHING	Wed., 12th Feb. at 7 a.m.
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The dock which has just been shipped to India was fully erected at the builders' works at Wallsend and every part marked for re-erection. It was then dismantled and shipped in plates, angles, and various pieces to India. It will be re-erected by native labour under European supervision on the right bank of the River Ganges at Mokameh Ghat, about 50 miles below Patna, in the United Provinces. With the rise of the river during the rainy season the dock will be floated into the stream. The overall length of the dock is 210ft., the width between the walls being 56ft., and the overall width about 66ft. The lifting capacity of the dock is 500 tons, and the depth of water over the keel blocks will be 4½ft.

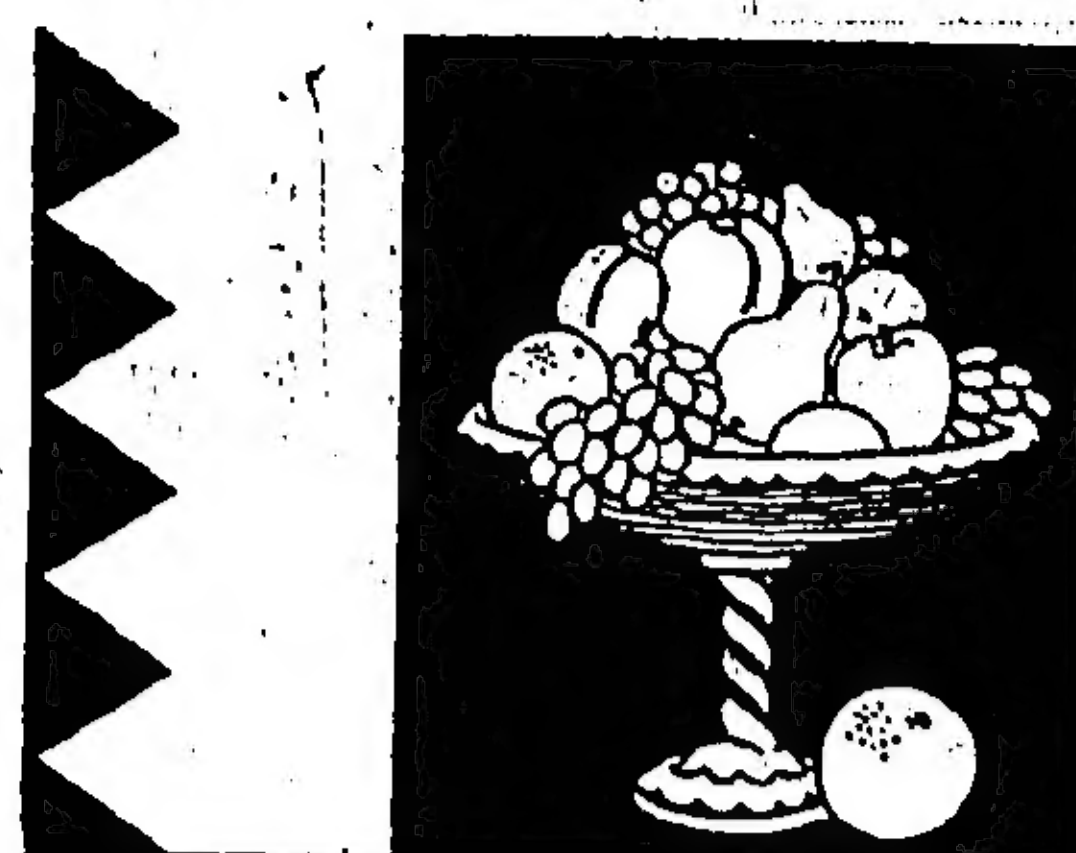
The dock will be employed in repairing shallow draft paddle steamers, barges, and landing-stages, there being a ferry service between Mokameh Ghat and Semaria Ghat on the left bank. The current of the River Ganges is very strong at times, and ample provision of cables and anchors has been made to hold the dock against the stream, even when loaded to its maximum capacity. The spaces between the four pontoons carrying the walls are decked over with teak planks. In a house on one of the walls is placed the controlling gear to work the valves for floating and draining the dock. On the top of one wall is a vertical multitubular Cochran boiler supplying steam to an engine which works the pumping machinery through a vertical shaft.

A WEEK'S DISEASES

The following notifiable and non-notifiable diseases were reported to the Medical Officer of Health during the week ended February 1:—

	Cases	Deaths
Typhoid	1	7
Small-pox	19	7
Diphtheria	3	1
Influenza	—	1
Measles	—	7
Tuberculosis	—	59

On February 3 the following were notified—Typhoid, 2; small-pox, 24; scarlet fever, 1; diphtheria, 2; meningitis, 1.



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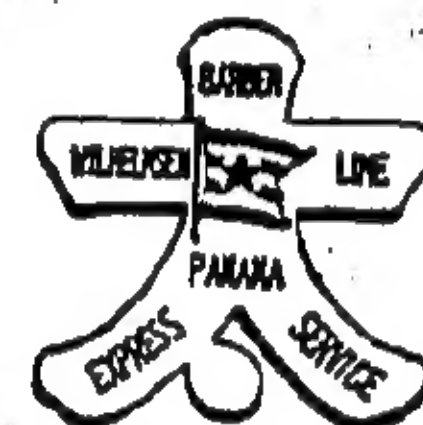
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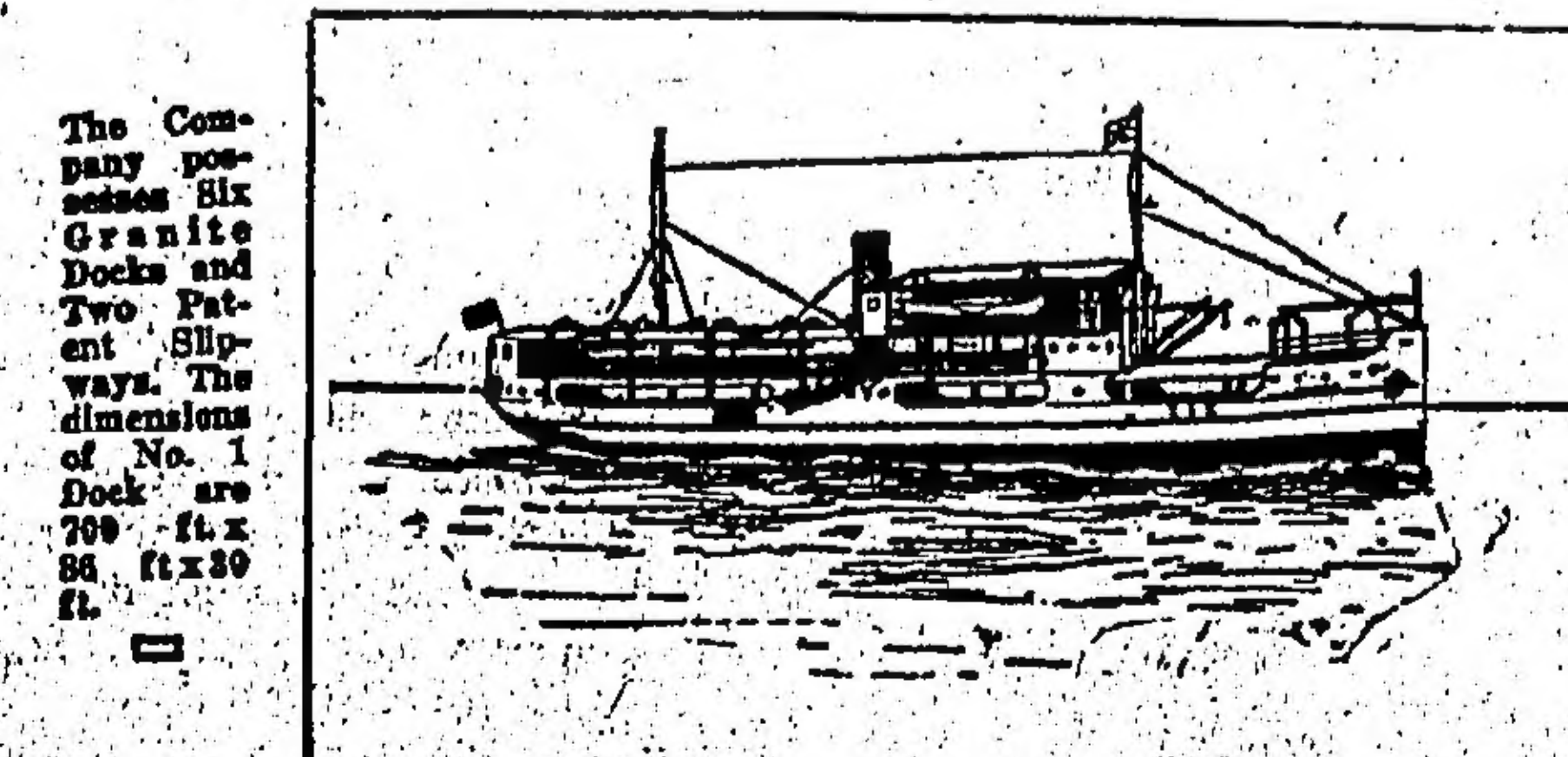
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'WARE SMALLPOX!

The close connection between
Hong Kong and Canton naturally
impels an interest in the health
problems of the two great centres
of the south-west. It has been
invariably found that when an
epidemic rages in Canton there is
an exodus of Chinese to this
Colony, and vice versa.

The Chinese masses dread con-
tagion, whilst they are usually
the last to co-operate with the
authorities either in Hong Kong
or Canton in an effort to stamp
out contagious diseases. Thus,
in this Colony the dumping of
bodies of children—presumably
the victims of smallpox—has
again commenced, a couple being
found on the public road in the
Shamshuipo district last week.
And there was one case where a
child was found alive in a pail
and left for some hours in full
gaze of passers-by before being
removed. By whom it was re-
moved, or where it was taken to,
no one appears to know. All the
information forthcoming from
the Chinese of the area concern-
ed is that the pail containing the
live child was seen one day and
then removed some hours later.

This kind of thing naturally
handicaps the health authorities
in coping with the outbreak of
smallpox, and will continue to
handicap them so long as the
practice of dumping bodies is re-
ported to by those who are
scared to notify the disease lest
the patient be removed to an
isolation hospital and the contacts
all segregated.

Whilst excellent work is
being done by the members of St John
Ambulance Brigade in giving
free vaccinations, it is to be feared
that the disease shall never be
properly stamped out until the
Colony has a quarantine station
sufficiently large to hold all the
patients and contacts. It is cer-
tainly all wrong to permit patients
to be treated in their own homes.

The pasting of an intimation on
the door notifying those concerned
that there is a case of smallpox
inside is as often as not a mere
waste of time and labour for all
the notice that the Chinese take
of it. That may perhaps stop
ingress by neighbours and
strangers, but it certainly cannot
stop the egress and ingress of
those belonging to the same
house. Only yesterday it was re-
ported that 22 fresh cases of
smallpox had been notified, which
goes to prove that the disease,
instead of diminishing, is rapidly
spreading in spite of all the good
work done in the direction of free
vaccination.

Before the epidemic assumes
much greater proportions much
more drastic measures must be
enforced by the health authori-
ties. They cannot be permitted
to allow so-called susceptibilities
(another word for resent-
ment at official action)—
of the Chinese masses to influence
their course of action. The lives
of the entire community, Chinese
and non-Chinese, are being
jeopardised under the present
grossly unsatisfactory system.

We do not desire to pose as
alarmists. The official figures of
notified cases tell their own sad
tale. But no one can tell how
many bodies or live juvenile pa-
tients are being dumped through-
out the Colony. Let it never be
said, therefore, to our discredit
that the lessons of the great
plague epidemic have been entire-
ly forgotten.

News in Brief

Mr. R. C. Olive, of Hong Kong,
has succeeded Mr. Buchan, at the
15th agency of the Hong Kong and
Shanghai Bank.

The forthcoming wedding is an-
nounced of William Robert Oswald,
Sal Wan Terrace, Quarry Bay,
Hong Kong, to Margaret Hutchison,
travelling to Hong Kong on board
the s.s. Rawalpindi.

A presentation is to be made
this evening at the Wesleyan
Soldiers and Sailors' Home, Praya
East, to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mak-
ham on the occasion of their Silver
Wedding and forthcoming departure
from the Colony.

Rev. G. T. Wilkings, M. A.,
Chaplain of the Mission to Seamen,
Hong Kong, sailed for England on
board H.M.S. "Barwick" yesterday.
The Rev. H. V. Brougham, M. A.,
will act as Chaplain at the Seamen's
Mission, 21, Praya East, until Mr.
Wilkings' return in September.

MR. S. B. PLATT OF NAVAL DOCKYARD

BURIED IN PROTESTANT
CEMETERY

A BRIEF ILLNESS

It is with regret that
the China Mail has to an-
nounce the death of Mr. Samuel
Buckley Platt, a member of the
Chief Engineer's Department at
the Royal Naval Yard, which oc-
curred at the Royal Naval Hos-
pital late on Monday night.

Mr. Platt was 45 years of age
and had been in the Colony for only
18 months. A native of Oldham,
Lancashire, he came here from
Devonport, and during his short
stay here, he had made himself very
popular among his colleagues and
all those who came in contact with
him. He was a member of the
Craigengower Cricket Club and also
of the Dockyard Recreation Club.

Always in delicate health, he con-
tracted diabetes about a fortnight
ago, and was at once removed to the
Naval Hospital for treatment, but,
as stated above, passed away on
Monday night.

The funeral took place at
the Protestant Cemetery yester-
day afternoon. A large
number of friends and colleagues
were at the graveside to pay their
last respects. The Rev. C. H.
Hewitt, Chaplain, Royal Naval
Dockyard, conducted the service.

Mr. Platt left a widow and two
children at home to mourn his
loss, for whom the deepest sym-
pathy is extended.

Floral tributes were received
from the following amongst
others: Commodore R. A. S. Hill,
Officers and staff, Chief Engineer's
Department, No. 1 Fitters, Chief
Engineer's Department, officers
and staff, O.C.W.'s Department,
the storekeeping staff, Naval Store
Department, Chief Constructor's
Office staff, the Electrical Depart-
ment, the storekeeping staff, Naval
Store Department, members of the
Commander of Dockyards staff,
staff of the R.N. Armament Depot,
the chargemen, Chief Engineer's
Department, the Civil Secretary
and Cashier, the European office
staff, Naval Store Department,
members of the Royal Naval Yard
Police, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A.
Lopes, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Basto,
Mr. L. E. Basto, Mr. Pun Ping-
nam; members of the Dockyard
Recreation Club, Professional
Officers' Society, the Agreement
Employees' Association, the Com-
missioned and D.O.'s Club, the
R.D. & A.T.O.A.

MRS. L. F. PEREIRA

The funeral of Mrs. Ludivina
Francisca Pereira whose death
occurred at her residence, 2,
Granville Road, Kowloon, at 4 a.m.,
on Tuesday, took place at the
Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley,
last evening, being attended by a
large gathering of members of the
local Portuguese community in
which her family was well known
and highly respected. Many mourn-
ers of other nationalities were also
present, and there was a profusion
of floral tributes.

Much sympathy is felt for her
five children, Mr. Tom M. Pereira,
Miss E. Pereira, Mrs. C. M. Soares,

WIDOWS BURNT ALIVE

THE ABOLITION OF "SUTTEE"

[By Gerald Griffin]

It was a bold step by the Govern-
ment of the time being to
abolish the custom of "Suttee" or
"Sati." Incidentally, this word,
meaning "a pure or virtuous
woman," was applied strictly to the
person, immolated, not to the rite.
High-caste Hindu widows deemed it
a sacred duty to burn themselves
alive on the funeral pyres of their
husbands.

This hideous custom was prac-
tised particularly in Lower Bengal,
where for centuries the number of
wretched women annually burnt,
some voluntarily and even eagerly,
or led stupefied by drugs, fluctuated
between 600 and 800. In 1823 there
were 675 widows burnt in Bengal,
310 of them within the area of
jurisdiction of the Calcutta court.

Savagery of this kind was no
more an essential part of the Hindu
religion than the burning of witches
was an integral part of Christian
ritual. How or when it came into
India is not clear, but certainly it
was practised at the time of the
invasion of India by Alexander the
Great, and there are grounds for
assuming that it was originally a
legacy of hordes of invaders. Long
before the time of Lord William
Bentinck efforts had been made by
enlightened Orientals to suppress it.

Laws were passed in the time of
Akbar, the great Mogul emperor,
forbidding Hindus to burn widows
unless permission was granted by
the local governors at the request
of the widows.

No instructions, expressed or im-
plied, can be found in the Vedas
justifying a custom which, long
before its suppression, was abhorred
by most civilised Hindus. Yet cer-
tain sections of the Brahman priest-
hood tried to deter Lord William
Bentinck from his task by declaring
that self-immolation was a rite en-
joined on all high-caste Hindu
women by a divine ordinance, and
that the intention of the Govern-
ment to suppress it was a direct
attack on the Hindu religion. To
support their contention they quoted
a garbled extract from the Vedas.
But, in spite of their protests, the
Act was passed, and the forebodings
that riots would follow proved un-
founded. Only one tentative move
to get the Act repealed was made,
and that was in 1832, when an

appeal against it was dismissed by
the Privy Council.

Long before Lord William
Bentinck had definitely tackled the
problem it had been approached
cautiously by British rulers in
India. Under Lord Cornwallis pub-
lic officers were instructed to refuse
consent to the burning of a widow,
if this was asked for, but were
debarred from officially preventing
it being carried out. In 1805 Lord
Wellesley anxiously considered the
problem, and threw out feelers with
a view to legislative action, but
nothing practical ensued.

In 1813 it was ordered that the
burning of widows should not take
place without communication with a
magistrate or principal officer of
police, who was to ascertain that the
act was entirely voluntary, that the
widow was not under the influence
of drugs, and that she was not
under the age of 16. The police
had to be present to see that no
violence was employed, and that no
attempt was made to thrust the
victim back into the flames if she
tried to escape.

After the passing of the 1829 Act
a provision making the practice of
burning widows or burying them
alive illegal was embodied in every
treaty with a native State. In
subsequent years there were occa-
sional efforts to revive the cruelty,
and then only in regions outside
British jurisdiction. And as the
decades rolled on there was a ten-
dency among all natives to regard
the barbarities with horror and
disgust.

Many years ago I heard my uncle,
the late Sir Peter Freyer, tell how,
when he was a young surgeon in
India, he heard expressions of ab-
horrence on all sides from all castes
with regard to the self-immolation
of several of the wives of Sir Jung
Bahadur, the Prime Minister of
Nepal, on his death in 1877. Only
one dissentient voice did he hear.
A proud, high-caste Hindu not only
approved of the holocaust of widows
in Nepal, but boasted that his
grandmother had been burnt alive
on the funeral pyre of his grand-
father.

Ten Years Ago

[From the "China Mail"
February 4, 1920.]

To-day's dollar is worth 5/- 8 1/4d.

Yesterday H. E. the Governor re-
ceived a deputation of the Commit-
tee of the Constitutional Reform
Association. It is understood His
Excellency expressed himself sym-
pathetically upon the question of
the principle of election, instead of
nomination, in the case of the non-
Chinese unofficial members of the
Legislative Council, also upon the
question of there being a larger
electoral body than at present for
the election of some of the unofficial
members.

SERIOUS CHARGE

A warrant has been issued for
the arrest of a Chinese named K. C.
Hok, alias Ho Ko-chuek for the "un-
lawful possession of property
valued at \$12,000, knowing same to
have been stolen from the United
States Shipping Co."

MEN, WOMEN, AND AFFAIRS

"Loss of Face"

COMMENTING on the Sino-Rus-
sian dispute over the C.E.R.,
the China Times says that China
made a series of four mistakes
which are responsible for the loss
of China's "face" and sovereign
rights. The pro-Japanese faction
of the Manchurian Government,
in the first place, thought that
Japan would aid China in taking
back the C.E.R. by force, thus in-
creasing the annual revenues of
the Three Eastern Provinces by
\$70,000,000, and was greatly dis-
appointed by Japan's non-inter-
ference. Secondly, China should
have been satisfied with the dis-
missal of the Russian Managing
Director of the C.E.R. and not
have dismissed the Russian em-
ployees of the railway in a whole-
sale manner, thus making the
situation more serious. Thirdly,
while the Nanking Government
appealed to the various Powers
for support on the basis of the
Kellogg Anti-War Pact, the Man-
churian authorities were unable to
wait. Fourthly, Mr. Tsai Yang-
sen, at the preliminary Sino-Rus-
sian conference held at Har-
bin, exceeded his instructions
by discussing questions beyond
his competence, and signed the
Maybarovsk Protocol, which is
responsible for the loss of China's
"face" and sovereignty, without
the permission of the Central
Government. In conclusion, the
journal expresses the hope that
Mr. Mo Tsuh-shan, the new Chi-
nese Director of the C.E.R., who
was appointed to represent
China at the formal Moscow Con-

ference, will make a special
effort to uphold China's prestige
and protect her sovereignty.

Anomalies in Court
It appears that anomalies can hap-
pen even in a military court.
Two of the counsel who took part
in the Madrid court-martial of thirty-
five artillery officers have now been
arrested themselves.
The late Sir Edward Marshall Hall
used to tell a story of an even
greater paradox within his experi-
ence. When a certain defendant's
name was called he stood up in the
jury box.
"You can't sit on the jury in your
own case!" said the judge.
"No," replied the would-be jury-
man. "I thought it was a bit of
luck being empanelled!"

At a House-Warming
CAPTAIN Cunningham-Reid is a
man, as Kipling would say, of
"infinite resource and sagacity."
Proof of this was given to those
who attended the "house-warming"
party which he and his wife, a
sister of Lady Louis Mountbatten,
gave recently.

Though the Cunningham-Reids have
been in the Brook Street house for
some time this was their first party.
Captain Cunningham-Reid has
been kept busy "nursing" a constitu-
ency in Southampton.

As to the "resource and sagacity,"
it was found that there was no
place in the house capable of being
converted into a squash court.

"Never mind," said Captain
Cunningham-Reid, "we will hang on
on the wall." And there it is—a
most precarious-looking thing with
no visible means of support.

Flying Woman's Licence
MISS Steele O'Brien, who lost a
leg in a flying accident at Mill
hill, near London, last year ago,
has now sufficiently recovered to be
able to resume aviation.

Indeed, her flying certificate, which
she lost temporarily during her in-
capacity, has been restored to her,
and she thus becomes one of the few
pilots holding a licence in spite of
the loss of a limb.

A Search for Snuff

THE snuff-taking habit is far more
prevalent than is generally sup-
posed, and the late Mr. T. P.
O'Connor was not the only celebrity
to be addicted to it in the twentieth
century. Many well-known clubs
have a silver box of snuff at the
cashier's desk, from which members
can take a pinch as some consolation
for having had to pay the bill.

But to buy snuff in the West End
is most difficult. Nearly all
the tobacconists' shops in Piccadilly,
Bond Street, and Jermyn Street were
closed without success. In one
large antique jar, labelled "Prince's
Mixture" was admittedly kept for
ornament only. In several a negative
response to inquiries was given with
some degree of haughtiness. In the
eventually some excellent "Kendal
Brown" was run to earth in a tiny
shop in Shepherd's Market.

Political Stability

ABANDONMENT of make-believe
is the advice given by the Pe-
king & Peking Times to China.
Japan won out when the West laid
its irresistible hand upon her by a
bold, practical policy. She sought the
substance always, and religiously
avoided the shadow. Neither Nanking
nor any other Government, in the
North or elsewhere, will succeed as
long as make-believe has even a
minor part in its system. In this
evil line one of the fundamental causes
of Nanking's failure lay in the
single item of the avowed programme
of political stability and economic re-
construction—a programme that en-
titled the current support and sym-
pathy of all intelligent foreigners,
and aroused the most lively hope of
the people.

THE ENGLISH OF THE SOLDIER

INTERESTING LECTURE BY
MAJOR DOYLE

ARMY PARABLES

The Bishop of Victoria (Bishop C. R. Duppy), speaking from the chair at the meeting yesterday of the local branch of the English Association, said that when he had heard the title of the lecture Major Doyle was to give them "English in the Army" it had set him wondering. He remembered the words of Lord Rawlinson spoken to a gathering of padres after the armistice. "Many of you have been to Universities but no University has taught you more than this Army with which you have been engaged." Here in Hong Kong they derived many benefits from having the men of H.M.'s Services among us—but not from their English.

Concise English

Major Doyle began his lecture by saying that he feared the title was misleading. Scientists had to turn to Latin in order to express themselves clearly; diplomats had to turn to French; he wanted to change all that, and felt that a study of the language used by the British Army might do much to teach the use of clear concise English.

The purpose of the army was to train for war, and they had need of a clear and definite language to express things unmistakably and rapidly. The simplest style was needed when one wanted to give information, and that was why he was against the reading of the classics and novels, in which metaphor was used. Army language contained plenty of nouns, a few definite adjectives, and a few verbs. The Army had to learn the names of all the parts of the things they used, landscape as well as weapons. We even gave extra names to some of the letters of the alphabet to ensure clearness. The object was to express the meaning of the order clearly and to be sure that it was conveyed clearly. Illustrating the type of mistake which might be made by too great terseness, Major Doyle told a story of a party of men who were set to stone breaking and ordered to break the stones to the size of nuts. When the sergeant returned he found the men seated on a pile of boulders and remarked "If I had known you was cockneys I'd have told you I didn't mean cocoa nuts."

Army Orders

Army orders were divided into three paragraphs. The first gave information as to the position of the enemy, the second the intention of the writer, and the third the method on which the troops were to act. The lecturer then gave several examples from the history of warfare to illustrate the disastrous consequences of orders which were not clearly expressed.

In the case of verbal orders the officer was up against the man who would think instead of listen. In drill there was a warning order followed by an executive order as "fix—bayonets." In religion, continued the lecturer, ritual played an important part, the forms symbolising an ethical principle, but no religion could exist on ritual alone. Whereas details of ceremonial could be described in clear language, it needed a different style to explain how its principles should be applied. The Army, too, had its parables, and the Army manuals taught what was called, appreciating the principles of Army training. Turning to the manual of military war, he explained that any alterations were made with each new edition or might be stuck into the book; they were not left, as in civil law, in the records of the courts.

In conclusion, Major Doyle said that the Army, in its language, had two great advantages, power of definition, and power of amendment; it only had these powers because it had authority such as there was not, unfortunately, in civil life for the correct use of the English language.

War and Verbal Invention

Professor R. K. Simpson, in thanking Major Doyle for his lecture, said that war seemed to stimulate the artistic talent for invention of words, and the "war" had proved no exception. It would be interesting to trace, as nearly as possible the exact date at which the many words in common use, which were introduced during the war, were first heard.

English a Silent Nation

Sir Henry Gollard said that he had listened to Professor Simpson's lecture last month with great interest, and that while he favoured Major Doyle's view of the predominance of the English now

WEDDING

Ceremony in St. John's
Cathedral

SKINNER—COLTON

The wedding took place in St. John's Cathedral this afternoon. Miss Mabel Musgrave Colton, L.L.C.M., only daughter of Mr. C. A. C. Colton, A.M.I.C.E., and Mrs. Colton of "Rockliffe," Burns Bay Lane Cove, N.S.W., Australia, and Captain Donald Skinner of Hong Kong, eldest son of Mr. J. H. Skinner, of Auckland, New Zealand.

The Rev. R. V. H. Brougham, M.A., Acting Chaplain to the Missions to Seamen, officiated. Entering the Cathedral on the arm of her father, who gave her away, the bride was charmingly attired in a white Chantilly lace frock with shoulder puffs and trail of orange blossom, over pink Chantilly lace on white satin. She also wore a Brussels lace veil over pink Chantilly lace train and a coronet of orange blossom. Her bouquet was of white roses and sweet peas, with tulle and streamers.

Miss Gardiner attended as bridesmaid, and wore a pretty frock of shell pink crepe de Chine. She carried a neat bouquet of pink roses also with tulle and streamers. As assisting friend, Mrs. Sanderson was dressed in beige georgette, and held a bouquet of sweet peas with mauve tulle and streamers.

The bride's mother, who also was present, was attired in a mastic georgette frock with lace coat, and she carried a bouquet of chrysanthemums with tulle and streamers to tone.

Dr. M. Nicolson discharged the duties of best man, and the hymns "O Perfect Love" and "Praise My Soul" were sung, the Wedding March ending the ceremony.

Later a reception was held in the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel, where a large number of friends united in pledging the honouree toasts.

The bride's going away dress was of navy and mastic crepe de Chine with hat to tone and a large fox fur.

surprise that any one should venture to speak English. The English were called a silent nation, he knew now why, because they were taught English in their youth.

He had thought—hoped—that Major Doyle was going to give them examples of some of the concrete nouns, the irregular verbs and the very irregular adjectives of the Army, but he had lifted them onto a plane on which he (Sir Henry) could not breathe very easily; it was an air altogether too rarified and refined. He had expected him to touch on the influence on English of the Imperialistic tradition, on the enrichment of our language by the acquisition of foreign, mostly Indian words, but the subject from Major Doyle's point of view was not a flippant but a very serious one.

H.E. on Civil Reports

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.) said that there was one aspect of Major Doyle's lecture which had not been touched upon, the way in which he had shown that the English language develops its own particular style for a particular purpose. Major Doyle had been just a little scornful of civilian styles, and he felt called upon to defend them. No one would be anxious to read as literature any dull book or Army manual, but the reports written by Governors of our Colonies as far back as 1850, were written in a style which was not only literature and pleasant reading, but expressed perfectly clearly the desires and opinions of the writers. He felt that the Association owed Major Doyle a debt of gratitude for opening up an entirely new aspect of English to the members.

Business Done

It was decided to make an alteration to the rules of the local Association with reference to life membership. According to the new reading, life membership may be acquired by payment of \$50 which included life membership to the Central Association, of which the local Association, shall pay \$3.50 to the central fund. It was announced that during Professor Simpson's absence on home leave, Mr. D. B. Birch of the University had agreed to take over the secretariatship. A vote of thanks to Professor Simpson was recorded.

The next meeting of the Association will be on March 4, at Government House, at 5.30 p.m. When Mrs. Southern will lecture on "Jane Austen."

Regarding Mr. Churchill's book place at Bristol, although the presence of a "double" dressed like the Chinese, a block trial was held and he was fined \$5.

ROUND THE CINEMAS

"The Last of Mrs. Cheyney"

A FAMOUS ROLE

Now that he has appeared in the silent and all-talking screen version of "The Last of Mrs. Cheyney," Herbert Bunston may boast of having played the same role in every form of presentation possible for the famous British play.

Bunston only played the role of "Lord Elton" in the original London stage offering, in which Gladys Cooper was starred, but also duplicated this performance in the original New York show in which Ina Claire was seen in the title role brought to the screen now by Norma Shearer, as her latest starring vehicle for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. In its stage form the production scored brilliant seasons both in New York and London. It has been presented as a legitimate attraction in every English-speaking country. Bunston, who makes his cinema debut in this all-talking feature row at the Queen's Theatre, is one of Britain's most distinguished actors, having played on the London stage with Sir Herbert Tree and Gerald du Maurier. Since going to America he has played in "The Enchanted Cottage," "Young Woodley," and, following a long tour with "The Last of Mrs. Cheyney" company, was seen in "Dracula."

Bunston has many of his compatriots appearing with him in this production, for the entire cast, with the exception of Hedda Hopper, is British. Even the popular Miss Shearer, whom America claims as her own, was born on British soil, her birthplace being Montreal.

Basil Rathbone, who plays the romantic male lead opposite Miss Shearer, was born in Johannesburg, He was starred on the stage in "The Swan," "The Captive," "The Command to Love" and other productions.

George Barrard, who also has one of the important roles, claims London as his birthplace. He has a brilliant international stage record and has appeared in both silent and talking pictures.

George K. Arthur, Moon Carroll, Herbert Bunston, Cyril Chadwick and Maude Turner were also born in England. In fact, Hedda Hopper is the only non-British member of the cast.

WONDERFUL STORY

"The Bridge of San Luis Rey," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's much heralded filmization, with dialogue and talking sequences, of Thornton Wilder's celebrated novel, is the attraction coming to-morrow to the Queen's Theatre.

Plans to film the Pulitzer prize-winning novel, a literary sensation, started a widespread debate, because of the strangeness of the story and the difficulties of putting it on the screen. But under the direction of Charles Brabin this was not only done, but with almost utter fidelity to the original book.

Majestic settings, great cathedrals, picturesque wilds, and strange, uncanny lighting and photographic effects; the thrilling spectacle of the wrecking of a great bridge over an Andean gorge; and vivid, intimate details that literally bare the lives of its characters, are all woven into the central theme, a story of love.

The cast is a remarkable one, as famous artists fill every principal role. Lily Damita plays the fiery dancer and Ernest Torrence is seen as "Uncle Pio." Don Alvarado, Raquel Torres, Henry B. Walthall, Tully Marshall, Emily Fitzroy, Duncan Rinaldo, and many others are in the cast.

Hundreds of people appear in cathedral and bridge scenes, adding to the general effectiveness of the gripping drama of old Peru.

THE ROUGH RIDERS

Theodore Roosevelt's Famous Cavalry

From the rolling plains of Texas, from the sage brush of Arizona and New Mexico they came—riders all hard shooting, hard riding men who lived their days in the saddle and their nights under the stars.

From the "cliffs of the East" they came, from the blue grass of Kentucky; from New York and Chicago, club men and polo players—men of culture and breeding, but men.

At St. Antonio, Texas, they met—all responding to the one call—the call to arms, sounded by Leonard Wood and Theodore Roosevelt, when these two organized the "First Volunteer Cavalry" at the outbreak of the Spanish-American War. And there West met East—and were amalgamated into one of the most famous fighting units the world has ever known.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED
IN CHINA MAIL

Social Functions
To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.
To-day—Dinner Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

Entertainments
To-day—Queen's Theatre, "The Last of Mrs. Cheyney."
To-day—Star Theatre, "Tenderloin."
To-day—World Theatre, "Iron Mask."
To-day—Majestic Theatre, "The Rough Riders."

To-day—Golf Interport, Shanghai v. Manila, Fanning.
To-day—Fanning Hunt and Race Club Hounds Meet, Hunters Arms, 3.30 p.m.
February 9—Somerset Light Infantry Gymkhana, Steeplechase Course, Kwant, 2.30 p.m.
Lammert Auction

February 7—At Sales Room, Duddell Street, household furniture, etc., 2.30 p.m.

Meetings
To-morrow—Monthly meeting of Football Referees' Association, French Bank Bldg., Queen's Road Central, 5.30 p.m.

February 11—Forty-second General meeting of Shareholders of Hong Kong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine's, 12.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous
February 11—Free lecture on Christian Science, by Hon. Wm. E. Brown, C.S.B., of Los Angeles, Cal., in Old Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, 5.45 p.m.

PROBATE MATTERS

Estates Left in Hong Kong by Kobe Merchant

Administration of the following estate has been granted by the Probate Office of the Supreme Court:

Resealing of the probate and a codicil of the will has been granted to Mr. T. G. Bennett, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, in the matter of the late Mr. Edgeworth Usher Reid, a British merchant of Kobe. The late Mr. Reid's estate in the Colony amounted to \$100,100 with property in Shanghai and elsewhere unestimated. Mr. Reid died on June 16, 1929, and everything is bequeathed to his widow, Delphine Sylvester Reid, for whom Mr. T. G. Bennett is acting.

Mr. E. A. Chaplin

Estate in Hong Kong to the value of \$48,700 was left by Mr. Ernest Alexander Chaplin, late of No. 6, Pemberton Avenue, Bedford, England, who died at Beaumont Street, Middlesex, on April 28, 1929. He was formerly Chief Officer of the s.s. Afrida.

Re-sealing of the probate has been granted to Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, who is acting for the widow, Kate Eliza Chaplin.

Lieut.-Col. Charles Harwood Manger, who died at Woolston, North Cadbury, Templecombe, Somerset, England, on March 19, 1929, left estate in Hong Kong valued at \$18,900. The gross value of the estate in Great Britain amounts to \$14,292 17s. 6d.

Portuguese Clerk's Fortune

Oscar Crispim Baptista, also known as Oscar Baptista, formerly a clerk in the employment of Messrs. Gibb, Livingston and Company, Limited, in whose service he had been for upwards of 40 years, left local estate which has been sworn at \$12,100. Mr. Baptista lived at No. 8, Hart Avenue, Kowloon, and died on October 10, 1929. He appointed his widow, Maria Ana Ozorio Baptista, executrix of the will.

Probate of the will has been granted to Mrs. Baptista, who, together with five children, are to benefit.

Mrs. Russell McCulloch or Kirkpatrick, widow, late of The Mount Ballantrae, Arrahire, who died on April 27, 1929, at Inveravon, No. 2, Ellieslea Road, Broughty Ferry, Dundee, left estate in Hong Kong to the value of \$17,000.

U.S. Army, retired, and Hermann Hagdorn, biographer of Theodore Roosevelt, and Secretary of the Roosevelt Memorial Association, as they drilled a new regiment to the state of perfection, where, on the day set for the formal review of the troops before embarkation, one of the most impressive sequences ever filmed was made possible.

"The Rough Riders" will be shown at the Majestic Theatre to-day to Saturday, inclusive. It is a real thriller, do not miss it.

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FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, HONG KONG, announces a FREE LECTURE on

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TUESDAY, February 11th, 1930, at 5.45 p.m. The Public is cordially invited to attend.

RADIO

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on 355 metres:

5-6 p.m.—Programme of Columbia Records by Courtesy of Messrs. Anderson.
"The New Moon"—Vocal Gems (Hammerstein & Romberg). The Columbia Light Opera Company.
"The Train That's Taking You Home" (Will Fyffe).
"Sheila McKay" (McKenzie). Will Fyffe.
"Lucky Girl"—Selection (Furber, Weston, Lee & Charlie). Jack Payne and the B.E.C. Dance Orchestra.
"I'm Just a Vagabond Lover" (Vocal).
"Money"—Oscar Grogan.
"Morrie, England"—Selection (E. German).
Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.
"The Schoolmaster and the Boy" (Ronald, Evans).
Comedy Sketch by Cicely Courtneidge.
"The Bard's Legacy" (arr. H. Hughes).
"John-Jo" (Rose & McMurrough).
"Hydropotes"—Waltz (Jos. Sungl).
"Jolly Fellows"—Waltz (Lustige Bruder).
New Concert Orchestra. Conducted by Anton Weiss.
6-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7-9 p.m.—Experimental Programme.
9 p.m.—Lecture by Mr. D. F. Davis.
"Up Boys and Atom."
9.15 p.m.—Programme of Columbia Records supplied by Courtesy of Messrs. Anderson.
"Carneval", Overture (Dvorak).
Sir Hamilton Hart and the Halle Orchestra.
"The Student Prince—Serenade".
"The Student Prince—Drinking Song".
Raymond Marlowe, Paul Clemon, Olaf Olson and Chorus with His Majesty's Theatre Orchestra.
"Classical" Selection (arr. Montague Ewing).
Organ Solo by Quentin M. Maclean.
"The New Moon—Lover, Come Back To Me".
"The New Moon—One Kiss".
Evelyn Laye and Chorus with Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra.
"Up in the Mornin' Early" (Hamilton & MacKenzie).
Castles in the Air (Traditional).
Margaret F. Stewart.
"Norwegian Rhapsody" (Lalo).
Orchestra Symphonique (of Paris) (Souls la Direction do Pierre Chagnon.
"On the Road" (E. Longstaffe).
"The Gay Highway" (E. Lockton & P. Drummond).
Robert Easton, Bass with Piano.
"Hungarian Rhapsody, No. 1 in F" (Liszt, arr. Seay).
The J. H. Squire Celeste Octet.
"Aida—Grand March" (Verdi).
Milan Symphony Orchestra and Chorus conducted by Fer. L. Molajoli.
10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

An irrigation contract for the Greek Government worth \$8,000,000 has been secured by a Sheffield firm of engineers.

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HISTORICAL PROCESS

One of the most desolate areas on the world's surface came to the attention of a Lowell Institute audience by picture and story, when Sir Aurel Stein, recently retired from the archaeological department of the Government of India after forty-two years of service, began a course on his "Explorations in Innermost Asia."

The speaker began with a survey of Chinese Turkestan and its border regions in geography and history. He presented a bird's-eye view of the vast Central-Asian region which he had under his orders and at the expense of the Government of India carried out his three successive expeditions of archaeological and geographical expeditions (1900-1, 1906-8, 1913-16). Extending over a period of seven years, these explorations enabled him by marches on horse, camel and foot to cover distances aggregating 25,000 miles.

That region, comprising Chinese Turkestan and the extreme north-western borderlands of China proper, claims distinct interest both on account of the geography and history, even though the greatest portion of it is unmitigated waterless desert. It comprises those vast basins, elevated and drainageless, which extend almost halfway across the central belt of Asia. This vast region, measuring some 1,600 miles in a direct line from east to west and nearly 600 miles from north to south, might well seem to have been intended by nature to serve far more as a barrier between the lands which have given to the earth its great civilizations than to facilitate the exchange of their cultural influences. Most of it is occupied by huge stretches of desert and covered with moving sands, bare clay, gravel or salt. Yet it is along the few routes leading close to the fringe of these deserts or crossing them that this exchange between the ancient civilization of China on the one side and the cultural sphere of India, Persia and the Hellenized Near East took place.

Great Mountain Ranges

Sir Aurel Stein first took his audience along the great mountain ranges which enclose those drainageless basins of the Tarim, the Suloh and Etsin-gol. Starting from the snowy Hindukush and the Pamirs, he showed the almost impenetrable barrier raised to the south towards India and the Tibetan plateau by the mighty mountains rampart of the Kunlun with its glacier-crowned crest line close on to 20,000 feet and its utterly barren outer ranges. His exact topographical surveys covering altogether some twenty-seven degrees of longitude had been extended eastward along the high Nan-shan range, that continuation of the Kunlun, right to the Pacific watershed. Then, turning to the northern rim of these basins, he rapidly described the arid wastes of the Pei-shan "Gobi" and the long-stretched range of the Tien-Shan, the Celestial mountains, which divide them from Mongolia and Dzungaria, those belts of great nomadic migrations.

Most of the Tarim basin, stretching over a distance of more than 900 miles, is occupied by the huge central desert of bare sand dunes known as the Taklamakan. With two exceptions all the rivers descending from the snowy ranges lost themselves in this "sea of sand." But the ancient sites which Sir Aurel explored in the Taklamakan prove that several of these terminal river courses carried their water considerably farther into the desert within historical times. The discovery and clearing of the remains at those ancient sites was facilitated by the eroding force of the winds which, during a considerable portion of the year, sweep across the desert and abrade the surface of the clayey soil. The photographs thrown on the screen showed how the ruins of ancient dwellings, or chards, etc., having protected the soil beneath, now invariably rise on island-like terraces high above the wind-eroded bare ground close by.

Owing to the extreme aridity of the climate cultivation wholly depends on canal irrigation. Hence, human occupation within the Tarim basin has always been confined to a small string of oases between the Taklamakan and the bare gravel glaciers of the mountains.

A Salt Sea
Even more desolate than the Taklamakan is the terminal depression of Lop forming the eastern extremity of the Tarim basin. Its most forbidding feature is a great salt-encrusted bed marking the position of a prehistoric salt sea. In the now equally lifeless ground adjoining to the northwest, all that remains of the ancient civilization is a few mounds of earth and stone, and a few scattered ruins of ancient dwellings, or chards, etc., having protected the soil beneath, now invariably rise on island-like terraces high above the wind-eroded bare ground close by.

Lou-lan. Through this now wholly waterless waste and across the area of the dried-up sea there had passed the earliest Chinese route leading into Central Asia and thus to the western world. In a subsequent lecture Sir Aurel proposes to describe the venturesome explorations by which he succeeded in tracking the vestiges of the ancient route.

The Suloh basin reaching to the east of the Lop desert is also incapable of human occupation except at a few oases. Yet it was of historical importance as it forms a natural corridor leading from north-western China into Central Asia. A later lecture will describe how Sir Aurel discovered and explored the remains of the ancient Chinese Lines or fortified border-line which was constructed across desert ground a little more than 2,000 years ago in order to protect the line of communication against Hun raids. Farther to the east there is a broad belt along the foot of the Nan-shan which with moisture derived from the Pacific renders fertile, and which became in history a very important "land of passage" between China and Central Asia.

Opens Up New Region

The vast region thus rapidly sketched by the lecturer was destined to serve for a thousand years as the principal scene of an important historical process, the early interpenetration of Chinese, Indian and Western civilizations. The story recorded in the precise and reliable annals of the Chinese Han dynasty starts with the adventurous Central-Asian mission entrusted by the great Emperor Wu-ti in 138 B.C. to Chang Chien. It immediately object was political, to secure the aid of the great Yuch-chih, the later Indo-Scythians against the Hsiung-nu or Huns, those hereditary foes of China who had ousted them twenty years before from their old seats along the northern foot of the Nan-shan. The young Chinese officer failed to achieve this aim, but when after an absence of thirteen years and many hardships he regained China, with only one companion surviving out of the hundred with whom he had started, Chang Chien became the pioneer of China's intercourse with Central Asia and the West. He first revealed to the Chinese the existence of great civilized populations westward. The importance of securing access to them for the sake of trade, especially in silk, was realized and quickly led to a policy of expansion.

By 121 B.C. the Huns were finally ousted and driven north, the military advance being quickly followed by a rapid organization of Chinese political and commercial missions. Before long they began to have trouble from petty chiefs in the Tarim basin and from raids by the Huns. Thus the need for military protection was seen. So the Chinese started military colonies along that natural corridor westward and the construction of a wall to protect it. In 102 B.C. a Chinese expedition of 60,000 men triumphed over all difficulties of nature and the prestige of China was so strengthened that henceforth Chinese control of the Tarim basin remained unbroken for more than a century.

Abundant remains of ruined settlements which Sir Aurel's explorations have brought to light beyond the termination of the Niya River and in the Lop Desert comprise carefully constructed houses, household furniture, fine wood carvings, decorated textiles, as well as written documents in a variety of languages on wood, leather, silk and paper.

BIRTH OF ALPHABET

Discoveries in Syria
Throw a New Light

An entirely new page in the history of mankind was deciphered last spring by French archaeologists working in Syria. Their discoveries of towns, palaces, and tombs several thousand years old have thrown a new light on an almost prehistoric age extending from the time of Abraham to that of Moses (says an overseas journal).

This period has now ceased to be legendary, as far as Syria is concerned. With the documents unearthed, historians soon can tell in detail the ancient from the time of Abraham. In August the French Academy of Inscriptions heard two reports of young savants recently returned from Syria, and both these reports have been considered by older historians, and scientists as likely to open a new era in archaeology. The first was that of A. F. Schaeffer, curator of the Strasbourg museums, on finds made by him on the Mediterranean coast near the old town of Latakia. In the poor old village, called Beited Celes, and Ras Shamra, Schaeffer and his assistant, Georges Cheyrol, found the remains of a palace, built about 1800 B.C., approximately the time of the Exodus, and a vast necropolis with princely underground tombs. Although these underground tombs, which were built in stone, had been ravaged and robbed several

thousand years ago, they still contain many valuable indications of the religious rites of those who built them.

But the most remarkable discovery of the archaeologists was a library of about sixty tablets, found in the grounds of the palace. Some of the tablets, written in the diplomatic language of that time—were letters from Egyptian Pharaohs to the Princes of that mysterious town whose name the savants have not yet discovered. Some others were the inventory of the King's treasures.

But the most interesting among them have not yet been deciphered, as they were written in what is believed to be the world's first alphabet. Twenty-six, or twenty-seven letters could be discerned in it, but it probably will be some time before the experts in old alphabets identify the sounds these letters represent. The excavations in Ras Shamra will be continued next spring—spring being the only season when digging in Syria is possible. On that site evidently existed a large town—possibly an Aegian colony—that was a centre for trade with Egypt and Greece and Cyprus.

Before Abraham
No less interesting than M. Schaeffer's report was the communication made at the academy by Count du Mesnil du Buisson on his digging at Katna, in the middle Syrian desert. The town of Katna has long been known to historians, but no one could indicate its location.

Advised five years ago by a Jesuit missionary, the archaeologist explored part of the desert near Mishrif, where an accumulation of sand indicated the probability of finding an underground town, and Count du Mesnil unearthed there the ruins of three towns, built one over the other. The first, of which only the gates could be discovered until now, had existed in the third millennium B.C., before Abraham's time. The second had been built about 2,300 B.C., and destroyed by invaders in 1375 B.C., and the third was evidently of the Neo-Babylonian era, at its maximum of prosperity under Nabuchodonosor's reign.

HILL OF MEMORIES

Old Montmartre and Its Ghosts

The "Moulin Rouge" has just been converted into a talking-picture house, and once more the foreign tourist talks sadly about "changing Montmartre." And yet Montmartre would still keep its individuality if all the other Paris show-places, with their artificial Bohemianism, so dear to the British and American visitor, went the way of the "Moulin Rouge."

For is it not these blatant entertainments and these risqué rhymes of the chansonniers, housed in garish casinos or in grubby dives and cabarets dotted around the base of the Butte, that constitute the soul of Montmartre? Every city, after all, is but the reaction of the mind thrown into it, and only to the sympathetic student of history does the real Montmartre respond. To sense the presence of that soul you must follow the tortuous, narrow Rue Lepic, right up to where the gleaming Byzantine cupolas of the Sacre Coeur pierce the clouds—and shun the hideous funicular.

Tumble-Down Houses
As you thread a zig-zag path among tiny, tumble-down houses, old Montmartre will hug you to its heart. Montmartre that was an acropolis impregnable to Roman and Frank invader in days gone by; Montmartre redolent of the romance of the Middle Ages of Paris; Montmartre linked with memories of the martyrdom of St. Denis, the first Archbishop of Paris. Mons Martium—the Mount of the Martyrs!

Once more there soar heavenward before you, on the apex of the hill, the towers and cloisters of l'Abbaye Royale de Montmartre, whose first abbey was beheaded by the Gaulish invader, and whose last ruler perished under the guillotine of the Revolution. And in the shadow of that abbey conjured up by your day-dreams you see once more, whirling on the skyline, the quaint old windmills whose memories are perpetuated in the Moulin Rouge, Moulin Bleu, Moulin Blanc, and Moulin de la Galette. The phantom mill-sails whirl on slowly and solemnly as you thread your way uphill along the crazy, crooked streets, inaccessible (thank goodness!) to motorists. Mens strut and cluck and peck in the fairway; you fancy they peck ghostly grain dropped from the sacks of millers dead centuries ago.

Fierces Deeds of War
Memory conjures up, also, fierce deeds of war on the slopes of the Butte. From this hill Henry of Navarre bombarded Paris in 1593; here there was a fierce conflict between the French and the Allies in 1814 and here took place the battle of the Communards and the troops of Versailles in 1871 during the Franco-Prussian war. And in addition to medieval and modern wars, the hill has been the scene of many a battle of the heart.

Montmartre exhales the genuine atmosphere of Bohemian Paris of the nineteenth century—the Paris of Balzac, Heine, Beranger, and de Musset. Drop into "Le Lapin Agile," whose rafters echoed the songs and epigrams of poets and artists forty to even eighty years ago. Their successors, the genuine Montmartrois of to-day, still go there. Gaze lovingly at its worm-eaten palisade and the gnarled aged trees that overshadow it. For its days are numbered. It will soon be but a memory, like the house of Berlioz close by which has been pulled down to make place for a fair-concrete Colosseum. When these hills disappear one day, how will we look back at the hill of old Montmartre?

ST ANDREW'S

Annual Meeting of
Congregation

A NEW CHAPTER

The annual meeting of the St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, was held in the Church Hall yesterday, the attendance being fully representative of the congregation.

The Vicar (the Rev. W. Walton Rogers), in welcoming the gathering, said: "I bid you all a hearty welcome to this annual meeting, and am glad to see it so well attended. It augurs well for our first year's work under the new Trust Ordinance, which has recently been passed. I trust that under it we shall go from strength to strength."

"We are to-day commencing to write a new chapter in the history of St. Andrew's Church. When Mr. Hunt has read the report of the Vestry for the past year, he will bring to a close the period of nearly 25 years during which the Vestry has faithfully discharged its duties to the Church. I must once again gratefully acknowledge the work of the Rev. C. B. and Mrs. Shann, while Mrs. Rogers and I were on furlough. They had a heavy task on the top of their other duties, and we should like them to know that we are all grateful for the way in which it was carried out."

The Secretary, Mr. J. H. Hunt, in presenting the report, said:—

The chief business before the Vestry during the year has been the consideration of the clauses of the new Church Ordinance.

The close attention given to the finance of the Church has resulted in the healthy condition of the balance sheet and for this we are greatly indebted to Mr. Stapleton. The Vicar, the Rev. W. W. Rogers, and family went on leave in April. Through the kind co-operation of the Church Missionary Society the help of the Rev. C. B. Shann was secured to take the place of Mr. Rogers. We appreciated the manner Mr. Shann conducted the Vestry meetings during Mr. Rogers' absence.

For some while the Vestry had recognized the necessity of having an assistant clergyman, but owing to financial uncertainty the appointment had to be delayed. As soon as circumstances allowed the appointment of Rev. E. A. Armstrong was made. He arrived in the Colony during October. We hope that this increased clerical help will make for progress in the affairs of the Church.

Mr. P. Sands, who had been Lay Reader for five years, left the Colony in July. Mr. Sands rendered splendid service to the Church and he will be greatly missed.

Mr. R. Baldwin, Organist and Choir-master, will shortly be going on leave. The Vestry has made an agreement whereby the services of Mr. Baldwin will be retained for a further term of four years on his return from home.

By the passing of the new Church Ordinance this Vestry has given place to the Church Council and thus a body which has carried the responsibility of the Church affairs for many years becomes extinct. It is hoped that the new body will show the same earnestness and enthusiasm as the old.

Officers Elected
(1) Board of Trustees, Diocese of Victoria, Hong Kong.—Mr. J. H. Hunt and Capt. R. D. Thomas.
(2) The Church Council (16 members in all). The Vicar and Rev. E. A. Armstrong (ex-officio), Messrs. R. Baldwin, J. I. Barnes, C. Carruthers, C. Franklin, H. Gittins, O. B. Raven, F. W. Stapleton, E. C. Thomas, Capt. R. D. Thomas, C. Westcott, and R. H. Wong; Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Donald, and the Messrs. Clarke, Robinson and Rogers.

(3) Representatives on the Diocesan Conference:—Capt. Thomas, Mr. Thomas, Miss Robinson, Mrs. Rogers, Mr. O. B. Raven, Miss Clarke, Mr. Barnes and Mr. Franklin.

(4) Auditor.—Mr. T. A. Martin.
(5) Wardens.—Vicar's Warden—Mr. J. H. Hunt. People's Warden—Mr. F. W. Stapleton.

The reports of the different organizations of the Church were then read by the respective secretaries, and the Vicar closed the meeting with Benediction.

Answering a call about 3.30 p.m. yesterday, fire engines from the Shamshuipo and Mongkok stations rushed to a house in Ap Lu Street, Shamshuipo, only to find that the chimney had become ignited, and that the occupants had been successful in dealing with the outbreak.

Steady, purposeful propaganda, said Mr. C. R. Fairly at a luncheon, had conveyed a false impression of aircraft progress abroad. British aircraft and engines were technically far in advance of those of any other country.

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P'RAPs — P'RAPs NOT!

Walter: "Yes, sir—those are the very best eggs we have had for a year."

Dinner: "Oh! Well, bring me two that you've had only about six months."

"Awfully sorry I can't stay," apologised the pompous young man. "But I've got a pressing engagement! Au revoir!"

Then he leapt, jumped on a tram-car, went to his "digs," and ironed his other suit.

Browne was proudly conducting his friend over his works office. It was really an elaborate affair, and his friend duly admired its qualities.

"Yes," he said, "you've got an up-to-date office. I suppose you will have all the furniture insured?"

"Everything," declared Browne, "except that expensive clock you see hanging on the wall."

"But," remarked his friend, "you—"

"Don't worry," interrupted Browne. "All the employees watch that!"

Church Report

This Scottish story may or may not be new. A Scot went into a chemist's shop and bought a sponge and a tooth brush. On his way home, reckoning up his money, he found the chemist had only charged him one and six for the tooth brush instead of two and six, and his conscience smote him on the subject.

(Yes, Scotsmen have consciences.) So turning back to the shop he was distressed to find when he got there that it was closed, being early closing day. Still the people could be heard inside and being anxious to do the right thing he tapped on the window with the sponge.

Editor: "We're all ready for the big Sashwaite trial now. Professor Jungfreud will write of it from a psychological standpoint, and, in addition, we're sending a minister, a Congressman, two playwrights and three novelists. But I wish we could do something original, something different from what other papers are doing. Having you any suggestions?"

City Reporter: "Well, you might try sending a reporter."

A free-lance journalist found himself on a train without a ticket.

When the inspector appeared he told him that he had left his pocket-book at home, but that he was on the staff of the Daily X—

"All right," said the official, "come forward to the next car. We've the editor of the Daily X—"

There was no turning back, so the passenger followed the inspector. To his great surprise, however, the man, looking up from his paper, said simply, "Yes, inspector, that's all right, the man is on my staff."

When the inspector had departed, the free-lance expressed his gratitude to the great man for his magnanimous falsehood. "Oh, don't mention it," said the other. "You see, I'm not the editor of the Daily X—"

EXCHANGES

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

On London—
Bank wire 1/8 3/4
Bank on demand 1/8 5/16
Bank, 80 days' sight 1/8 1/2
Bank, 4 months' sight 1/8 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight 1/7 1/2
Documentary 4 months' sight 1/7 1/2
On Paris—
On demand 947 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight 1022 1/2
On Berlin—
On demand 37 1/2
On New York—
On demand 37 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight 38 1/2
On Bombay—
Wire 102
On demand 102
On Calcutta—
Wire 102
On demand 102
On Singapore—
On demand 65 1/2
On Manila—
On demand 74 1/2
On Shanghai—
On demand 80
80 days' sight (private paper) 80
On Yokohama—
On demand 76 1/2
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael) 12.31
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) 19 15/16
Silver (per oz.) 44 1/16
Bar Silver in Hong Kong Par
Copper Cash Nominal
Copper Cents 8% prem.
Rate of Native Inter. 7% p.a.
Chinese Gov. Bonds 2 1/2% p.a.
Hong Kong Gov. Bonds 2 1/2% p.a.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

Opening Daily Official Quotations 5th February, 1930.

STOCK	Buy-ers	Sell-ers	Sales	Norm.	Fin. year ended	DIVIDEND	PAID
Banks.							
Hong Kong Bank	1826	---	(1918/30)	Dec.	Final 24 a/c 1929 ex. 17 1/2-0.0125		Pending
Chartered Bank	---	---	16 1/2	Dec.	Interim 24 a/c 1929 Free 100 for 1929		Sep. 12, 29
Mercantile Bk., A.B. & C.	---	---	28 1/2	Dec.	Inter. 24 a/c 1929 100 for 1929		Oct. — 29
Bank of Asia	36	---	---	Dec.	81 for 1929		Pending
Insurance.							
Canton Ins.	---	---	715	Dec.	Final 82 1/2 for 1929 Interim 81 1/2 a/c 1929	-840.	May 23, 29
Union Ins.	370	---	---	Dec.	Interim 24 a/c 1929	-82	May 24, 29
China Underwriters	170	185	---	Dec.	None		---
China Fire Ins.	340	---	---	Dec.	Final 82 1/2 bonus 80 for 1929 Interim 81 1/2 a/c 1929	-818	May 24, 29
H. K. Fire Ins.	326	---	---	Dec.	813 for 1929		Mar. 26, 29
Shipping.							
Douglases	---	25 1/2	---	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929		---
H. K. Steamboats	---	27 1/2	---	Dec.	81-50 for 1929		Pending
Indo-China (Pref.)	---	---	43	Dec.	81-50 for 1929 for 1924-1925 on preferred		June 19, 29
(Def.)	---	---	70	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929		---
Shell Transport	---	---	36/10	Dec.	Interim 24 Coupon No. 51 Free 100 for 1929		Jan. 6, 30
Union Steamships	---	---	23 1/2	Dec.	81-50 for 1929		Jan. 31, 29
Mining.							
Benguet	5 1/2	---	---	Dec.	Interim 20 cents bonus making 82 1/2 a/c 1929		Dec. — 29
Kailan Mining Ad. s/	---	---	54 1/2	June	Final 24 Free 100 for 1929		Dec. 17, 29
Langkat (Comb.) Tls. (Single)	---	---	13.60	Oct.	Last div. for year 31-10-27		---
S'hai Exploration Tls.	---	---	1.80	Dec.	None		---
Leas Tls.	---	---	5	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929		---
Raubs	---	---	19 1/2	Mar.	Interim 1/8 a/c year 31-3-30.		Dec. 12, 29
Tromoh Mines s/	---	---	21 1/2	Dec.	444.44 for 1929 Coupon No. 91		Sep. 30, 29
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.							
H. K. & K. Wharves	150	---	150	Dec.	83 for 1929		Mar. 7, 29
H. K. & W. Docks	32	---	31	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929		---
China Provident	5 1/2	5.70	5.70	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929		---
Hongkew	106	---	---	Dec.	Interim T. 3 a/c 1929		Sep. 19, 29
N. Engineering Tls.	7.60	---	---	Dec.	T. 0.40 ordinary for 1929		Mar. 16, 29
Shanghai Docks Tls.	---	123 1/2	---	Apr.	T. 7.50 for yr. ending 30-4-29 Return Tls. 20		July 27, 29 Oct. 26, 30
Cotton Mills.							
Ewo Cottons Tls.	---	16.60	16 1/2	Dec.	Interim T. 0.40 s/c 1929		Aug. 28, 29
S'hai Cotton (old) Tls.	85	---	---	(Apr. & Oct.)	T. 5.50 old for half year T. 1.25 new s/ 31-10-29		Nov. 26, 29
Zong Sing Tls.	---	---	10	June	T. 0.60 for year 30-5-29		Oct. 11, 29
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.							
H.K. & S. Hotels	12.70	---	(12.70/85)	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929		---
H. K. Lands	66	---	86	Dec.	Final 82 a/c 1929		Pending
Shanghai Lands Tls.	---	---	195	Dec.	Interim T. 3 a/c 1929		July 31, 29
Humphreys	14.20	---	---	Dec.	81 for 1929		Feb. 6, 29
H. K. Realities	8.65	---	8 1/2	Dec.	Interim 20 cents a/c 1929		Aug. 12, 29
Chinese Estates	---	96	---	Feb.	81 for year 28-2-29		June 5, 29
Public Utilities.							
H. K. Tramways	19.80	19 1/2	(19.80/35)	Dec.	Interim 20 cents a/c 1929		Aug. 27, 29
Peak Tram (old) (new)	---	---	11 1/2 6.05	Apr.	81 on old for year 100 on new 30-4-29		June 7, 29
Sar Feries	78	---	---	Dec.	81 for 1929		Pending
China Light	---	28 1/2	---	Sept.	Final 82 1/2 (old) for year ending 10-11-29 (new) 20-4-29		Dec. 23, 29
H. K. Electric	72 1/2	---	(72/72 1/2)	Dec.	82.50 on old for 1929 81.25 on new		Mar. 22, 29
Macao	28	---	---	Dec.	---		---
Sandakan Light	---	---	---	June	None		---
H. K. Telephones	9.65	---	---	Dec.	Interim 10 cents a/c 1929		Sep. 18, 29
China Buses Tls.	16 1/2	---	---	Dec.	T. 0.60 for 1929		Feb. 21, 29
s/ for Traction (Ord. s/) (Pref. s/)	10/19/6	---	---	Dec.	1/1 on preference		Feb. 6, 29
Industrial.							
China Sugars	---	---	1	---	In Liquidation		---
Malabar Sugars	---	---	27	Dec.	25.3 for 1929		April 11, 29
Cald. Macg. Ord. Tls.	---	---	11	Dec.	Incorporated in May 1929		---
Pref. Tls.	---	---	11	---	---		---
Canton Kes	---	---	2 1/2	July	None		---
Cement (comb.) (old)	15.00	---	(15.00/70)	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929		---
(new)	4	---	---	---	---		---
H. K. Ropes	7 1/2	---	---	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929		---
United Alabum	5	---	---	---	---		---
Stores, &c.							
Dairy Farms	22.90	---	(22.92/10)	Dec.	81.50 for 1929		Pending
Watsons	---	---	---	Oct.	80 cents for year 31-10-29		Mar. 26, 29
Der A Wings	80 c.	---	---	---	---		---
Lane Crawfords	---	---	3	Feb.	Last dividend for year 28-8-29		---
Mackintosh	18	---	---	Feb.	83 for year 28-8-29		April 11, 29
Sincores	---	---	12	---	---		---
Wm. Powells	---	---	2 1/2	Feb.	25 cents for year 28-2-29		June 10, 29
Miscellaneous.							
H.K. Amusement Pref. s/ Deferred	28	---	---	Mar.	82.20 on Preferred for year 81.60 on Deferred 31-3-29		July 5, 29
H. K. Constructions	---	---	1.80	Dec.	None		---
B. Ind. O. S. Bonds	---	---	50%	---	---		---
H. K. Govt. Loans	54%	Prem.	---	---	Interest half yearly		---

Sport Columns

HOME FOOTBALL

Wednesday's Win Over Grimsby in League

SCOTTISH CUP REPLAY

In the First Division of the English League, Grimsby met Sheffield Wednesday on their own ground, the result being:

Wednesday	5
Grimsby	0

Goals.

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Wednesday	26	16	6	4	68	30
Derby	20	14	4	8	51	47
Leeds	20	14	2	10	50	37
Blackburn	20	12	5	11	69	25
Huddersfield	27	12	5	10	40	44
Liverpool	27	12	5	10	40	44
Aston Villa	26	12	4	10	53	28
Leicester	27	12	4	11	57	28
Middlesbrough	27	12	4	11	57	28
Bolton	27	12	4	11	57	28
Sheffield U.	27	11	4	12	56	26
Burnley	27	9	7	11	55	24
M'chester U.	27	11	3	13	43	24
Portsmouth	26	8	8	10	44	24
Birmingham	26	8	7	11	42	23
Arsenal	26	8	5	12	40	23
West Ham	27	9	5	13	56	23
Sunderland	26	8	7	11	43	21
Everton	27	6	9	12	47	21
Grimsby	26	8	4	14	46	20
Newcastle	26	9	2	15	47	20

After drawing at Forfar on Saturday St. Mirren met Forfar Athletic again to-day in Paisley, the result being:

St. Mirren	3
Forfar Athletic	0

Through a curious misprint in publishing the revised draw in the second draw Falkirk were given as meeting Cowdenbeath and Rangers meeting Queen of the South. Falkirk met Queen of the South and drew (1-1), whilst Rangers met Cowdenbeath and also drew (2-2).

The survivors of the second round are thus:

Partick Thistle.
Motherwell.
Airdrieonians.
Albion Rovers.
King's Park.
St. Mirren.
Hamilton Academicals.
Leith Athletic.
Celtic.
St. Bernard's or Hearts.
Montrose.
Aberdeen.
Dundee.
Hibernians.
Falkirk or Queen of the South.
Rangers or Cowdenbeath.

FAMOUS PLAYERS

The Game of the Future

[By Fred Tunstall, Sheffield United and Britain]

The history of football shows that the game has developed by a series of changes—it has evolved to its present style. First there was the stage of just kicking the ball and hoping for the best, those were the days when the duty of forwards was to get the ball through the goal and it did not matter much how it was done—the centre forward was expected to see that the goalkeeper did not interfere!

Then came dribbling and eventually passing. Afterwards came the speed craze in conjunction with all that had gone before. The game has evolved. Old men who remember the game in its infancy tell us that it is difficult to reconcile the state of affairs then and now and still call it football. Be that as it may, football, like everything else, must change and to-day, I think, we are on the verge of another change that may make the game of the future hardly recognizable to us who now play it.

The "W" formation, about which so much is written and talked, is the first step. I am not going to discuss in full this formation, it is well known to you. But it is my contention the "W" formation is merely an experiment out of which will grow a radical change in the formation of a football team.

The "W" formation To-day there are two forms of "W" formation. Firstly there is the style that insists upon both inside forwards playing well back and

stopping there. It is the duty of the inside forwards to push the ball out to the wings or up to the centre. In theory, because the centre half is now so far back that he cannot attack, this is sound, but from where are goals to come? Goals win football matches, not theories; and I am afraid that three forwards in attack are insufficient to bring a winning number of goals, especially as there is so much more concentration upon defence.

The second method is not quite so drastic with the inside forwards. It is necessary to-day, just as it has always been, for one of the inside forwards to go back, but not both. When the inside left has the ball then the inside right should be ready to advance and vice versa. So if the ball goes out to the wing, there will be at least three men prepared for the centre when it comes over. That does enable some strength to be placed in attack.

Centre Half's New Role With the new offside rule in force it is necessary to watch defensive play very carefully. There can be no two opinions about that. The centre half has been drawn back until he has almost become a third back. Not so long ago it was admitted that so long as the successful attacks emanated from the centre-half. How many do so to-day? Not one per cent. That is indeed a great change.

So great a change is it that attack has suffered and it has even been suggested that another player should be introduced into a football team, making the number twelve to supply the deficiency. Maybe this will come some day, but do not ask me to say how it will affect the game. The points that I can visualise do not appeal to me and I prefer to leave any problems that might arise to those who have to solve them.

I am only interested in a team of eleven having to think out new methods to combat a change in law. Somewhere we have to make up a deficiency in attack. We have got to find a substitute for the centre-half in an attacking sense. Whoever takes over this role must act as an intermediary between attack and defence, just as the centre-half used to do.

The whole thing seems to boil down to this: if it is necessary to take away the centre-half from attack, then it is necessary to draw back an attacker to take over the centre's old work.

Four Forwards How long will it be before some club makes the experiment of being satisfied with four forwards, three halves, a spare half—who will work between the backs and halves—two backs and a goalkeeper? It will come I feel certain. Maybe the formation will not be quite the same. Perhaps, instead of a spare half, we shall have a spare forward, playing between the half backs and the forwards. The result will be the same.

There is no reason why a club should not try this. Eleven men make up a football team and they can play as they please. You will notice that I do not say four half-backs. I am allowing for the fact that defence must have extra help by making a spare forward, who could, if necessary, go back to the half-back line, but who would supply the attack with the material, as the old centre half-back did.

It may seem to be the milder form of the "W" formation that I am advocating, but that is not so. This spare man would not be on any particular wing. Everybody would know exactly what he was supposed to be doing. There would be balance in the team where to-day there is often uncertainty.

The main thing to decide is whether four men definitely in attack would be sufficient. How many teams have five to-day? Very few; that is the answer to the doubt. We have to be satisfied with four and very often three and there is nothing definite in to-day's plans.

The offside change caused a re-

GOLF

Tyson Cup at Tungshan

[From Our Own Correspondent.] Canton, Yesterday.

The Tyson Cup, presented by Mr. F. Tyson, of the Standard Oil Co., which was played for during the Chinese New Year holidays was won by W. G. Greene. This is for medal play over 36 holes, and Greene (18) won with a score of 139 net.

Other scores were:—
C. E. Sandstrom (12) ... 141
F. E. W. Lammert (9) ... 143
R. K. Batchelor (11) ... 144
B. B. Anthony (12) ... 144
A number of cards were not returned.

ENGLAND BEAT AMERICA

In the triangular golf tournament at Tungshan on Sunday England defeated America by 7 points to 5. It will be remembered that Scotland defeated America some



Walter Hagen, British open champion, watching young Craig Wood's technique just before the start of fifty-four-hole open tournament on the Avalon Links, which are said to be the most beautiful in the world. The purse of \$7,500 attracted some of the best players in the country.

weeks ago by 9 to 3. England will meet Scotland next month.

The results of the singles on Sunday morning were as follows:—

England	Points.
R. K. Batchelor	1 1/2
A. E. Quinn	1
F. E. W. Lammert	1
G. C. Kitching	1
F. Mayes	1 1/2
M. A. Annett	1 1/2
Total	5

America	Points.
W. Duggan	1 1/2
C. E. Sandstrom	0
E. B. Anthony	0
W. Gilman	0
P. T. Carey	0
G. Burdick	1 1/2
Total	1

With a lead of 5 points to 1 after the morning's play it looked like a fairly big win for the English team. However, there was a surprise in the 4-ball matches in the afternoon when America won two out of the three, taking 4 points to England's 2.

The results of the 4-ball matches were:—

England	Points.
Batchelor and Kitching	0
Quinn and Mayes	0
Lammert and Annett	2
Total	2

America	Points.
Duggan and Gilman	2
Sandstrom and Burdick	2
Anthony and Carey	0
Total	4

vision in method, tactics and style and we have not yet solved the many problems that have arisen from that change. I do not say that my idea will come about, but it occurs to me that a twist in football evolution is due on account of this change and it might be team formation and, if that happens, it may be as I suggest.

MOTOR TRIAL

Tie for the Premier Awards

LIST OF POINTS LOST

The work of totalling the points lost by competitors in last Friday's motor-cycle reliability trial, was finished last night. Rogers and Clarke tie for first award in the open section, also for the cup confined to members of the volunteers' Motor Cycle Section. The team prize goes to William, Rogers, and Clarke and the cup presented by Mr. A. Gascon to E. Marriott. The latter cup was confined to Harley Davidson machines. A complete list of machines that finished with points lost, is given below, competitor's number in brackets.

- (17) E. S. Rogers (A.J.S.) 6 points.
(24) S. J. Clarke (P. & M.) 6 points.
(3) F. S. W. Smith (Triumph) 8 points.
(18) D. Davies (B.S.A.) 11 points.
(1) H. G. Williams (Humber) 18 points.

Gascon	29
Marriott	27
Poole	51
Total	107

The following riders failed to complete the course:

- (6) C. Borandi (Ariel), (7) C. L. Gregory (Monet Goyon), (9) L. A. Jeeves (Triumph), (12) W. G. Robinson (A.J.S.), (14) O. A. Carvalho (Raleigh), (20) H. Kew (Rudge Whitworth), (21) H. Kew (Rudge Whitworth), (23) G. R. Payne (Douglas), (29) E. L. Pinquet (Harley), (38) W. K. Chan (B.S.A.), (40) T. S. Whitley (A.J.S.), (42) R. C. Wiltchell (Norton), (48) H. Bragg (Indian), (48) R. R. Winsor (Norton), (49) Foo Eng Keng (A.J.S.), (50) H. S. Chippingdale (Zenith).

As in the previous trial the premier award was won by an A. J. S. machine. Secret checks accounted for the majority of lost marks, while breakdowns lost two competitors irretrievable points.

It has been suggested that the cups be presented at a dinner, to be held at Lane, Crawford's restaurant. Competitors and observers willing to attend are requested to notify the Hon. Secretary as soon as possible.

AN APPRECIATION

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir,—Might I ask the courtesy of your column to express thanks, on behalf of the Committee responsible for the recent motor cycle trial, for the very valuable assistance received from many quarters? The success of the trial was undoubtedly largely due to the co-operation received from the local oil companies and to those members of the general public who carried out the arduous work of observers.

The Committee desires to place on record its thanks to the Texas Company for the generous gift of a silver cup to be competed for by members of the Motor Cycle Section, to the Asiatic Petroleum Company for a donation of \$100 to the funds, and to the Vacuum Oil Company for a donation of \$25. Thanks are again due to those firms for their co-operation in offering free oil and petrol to competitors, and especially to the Texas Company for providing a lorry which did extremely useful work.

The Committee also desires to record its keen appreciation of the excellent services rendered by observers, who worked the checks during both the night and morning, and without whose assistance the trial could not have been brought to a successful conclusion. Thanks are also to the Press, which was largely instrumental in making the event widely known.

If there are organisations or individuals who assisted in the trial and who are not mentioned specifically here, I trust that they will accept the Committee's warmest thanks for their services.

Yours, etc.,
H. G. SWINBURNE,
Hon. Secretary.

Hong Kong, Feb. 6.

BILLIARDS

H. W. Stevenson in the Colony

An interesting billiards match in which H. W. Stevenson, the well-known professional player was beaten by a Chinese cueist, was seen at the South China Athletic Association last evening. It was an exhibition game, and Mr. Stevenson's opponent was Mr. S. C. Kwok, champion of the S.C.A.A.

By mutual arrangement, the game was to last an hour and a half, at the end of which time the scores were: Mr. Kwok 461; Mr. Stevenson 392.

Mr. Kwok was in very fine form and could do nothing wrong; whilst Mr. Stevenson was clearly off colour, but this is not mentioned with the view of detracting from the credit due to Mr. Kwok, who was heartily congratulated by Mr. Stevenson on his fine performance.

Later Mr. Stevenson played a game of snooker against Mr. Lau Po-ye. He gave away 14 points and won by 72 to 42.

	points lost
Williams	18
Rogers	6
Clarke	6
Total	30

Other teams completing the course were:—

Purvis	34
Smith	8
Barnes	20
Total	62

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HOCKEY

Sim Shield Match To-day

The following will represent the Hong Kong Hockey Club in their Sim Shield match with the Navy on the U.S.R.C. ground at 4.30 p.m. to-day:—

C. L. Gregory, W. Woodward, O. E. C. Marton, J. Rodger, A. A. Dand (captain), J. E. Noronha, H. Owen Hughes, G. E. R. Divett, C. C. Francis, E. J. R. Mitchell and D. M. McDougal.

A CHINESE PUZZLE FOR CALIFORNIA

EXTRAORDINARY VARIANCE IN IMMIGRATION FIGURES

LOW DEATH RATE

The death rate in China is so low that American immigration authorities have started an investigation. Out of 2,745 children left in China by Chinese parents who emigrated

to America, only 20 have died. The rest, it appears, are due to be brought to America in the course of time. These figures conflict with immigration officials' statements that out of 3,923 births among Cantonese, 2,745 deaths have been recorded, an average of 55 per cent. Federal Judge Curtis D. Wilbur has ruled that the word of Chinese witnesses must be accepted on the identity of Chinese children brought to San Francisco, but an appeal will probably be taken to the Supreme Court, according to Mr. J. D. Nagle, the San Francisco Commissioner of Immigration. Incidentally, there is a wide discrimination in sexes between immigration figures and those submitted by Chinese parents.—United Press.

Although careful precautions against floods are still being maintained in the London area, the river has begun to fall, and a steady improvement in the situation is expected.

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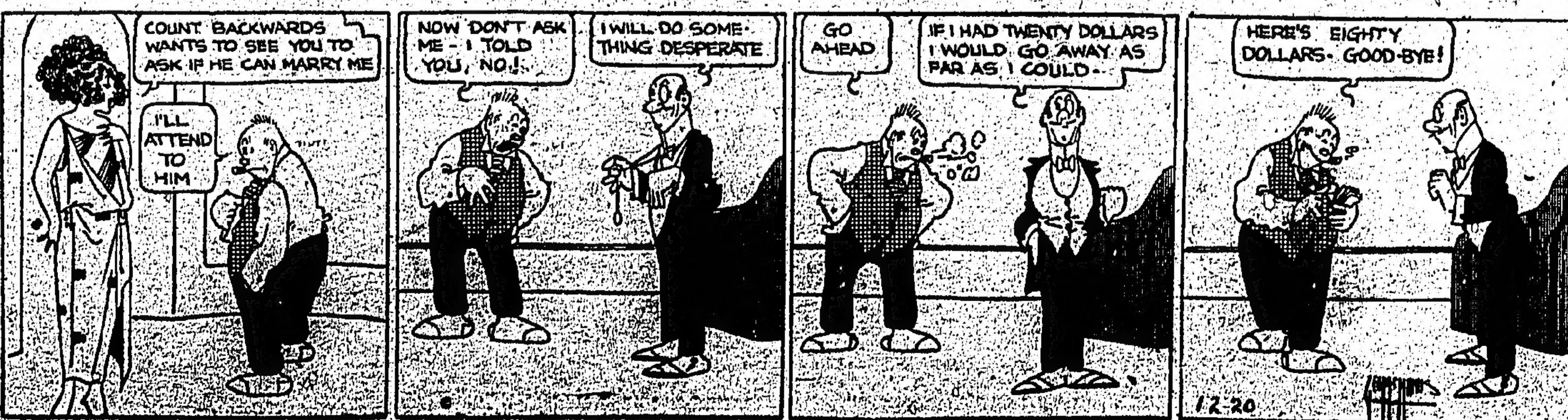
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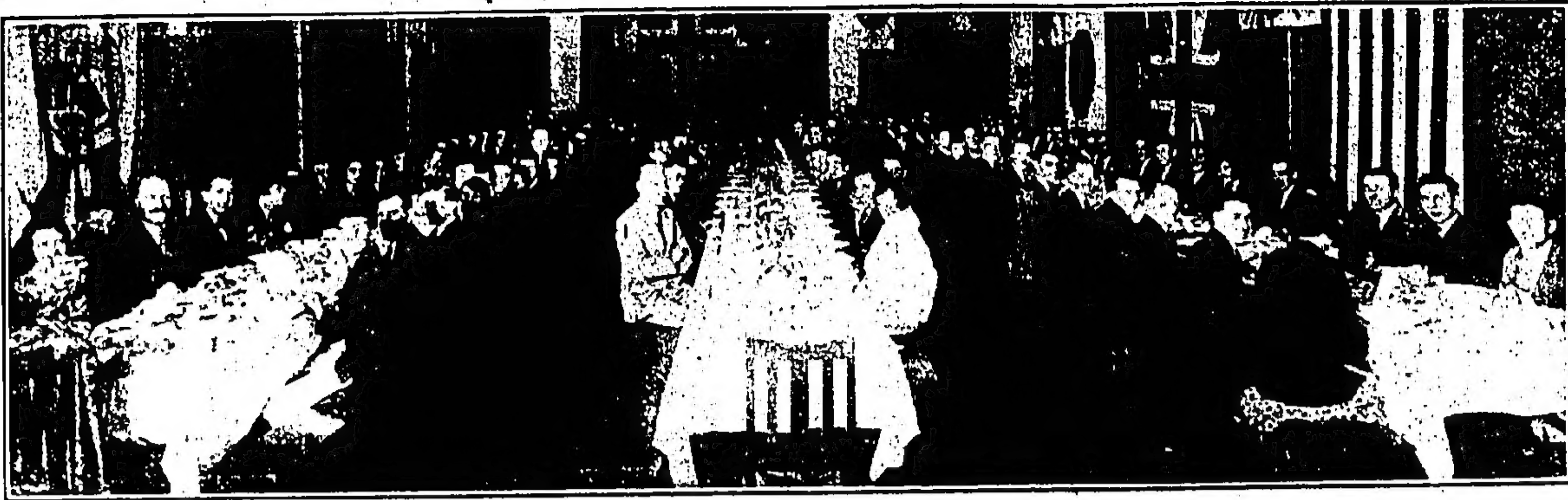
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Missions to Seamen Dinner



The annual dinner of the Missions to Seamen was held at the Shanghai Volunteer Corps Club, where over 100 men from the Mercantile Marine were present to enjoy the repast. The Rev. V. G. Sutcliffe, on behalf of Dean Trivett (Chairman of the Mission, who was unable to attend), presided. The Band from H.M.S. Suffolk was in attendance and played during dancing after dinner.—(Photo by Ah Fong).

Played Own Requiem



At her lips a saxophone, playing the latest jazz song. At her shoulder, death, self-sought and waiting. Thus, for five hours Nedra Short, of Los Angeles, played while the agony of a slow death by poison tore at her. She played her own requiem while happy couples whirled about.

Helen Wills Gets Marriage Licence



Helen Wills, tennis player, with her fiance, Frederick Moody, jun., as they appeared to apply for a wedding permit.

Standard Oil Heir



Nelson Rockefeller, youngest son of J. D. Rockefeller, jun., whose engagement to Mary Toddhunter Clark has been announced by Miss Clark's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Percy H. Clark of Philadelphia. The marriage will be celebrated in June after Nelson finishes his course at Dartmouth College.

Film Star Sued



Miss Vivienne Bengler, former Bergeloy society girl and University of California student, in a suit against Maurice Costello, film star, claims that the veteran screen star promised to marry her in Stockton, California, on September 10 last. She asks \$100,000 heart balm. (Inset)—Maurice Costello.

Hostess for S. African Legation



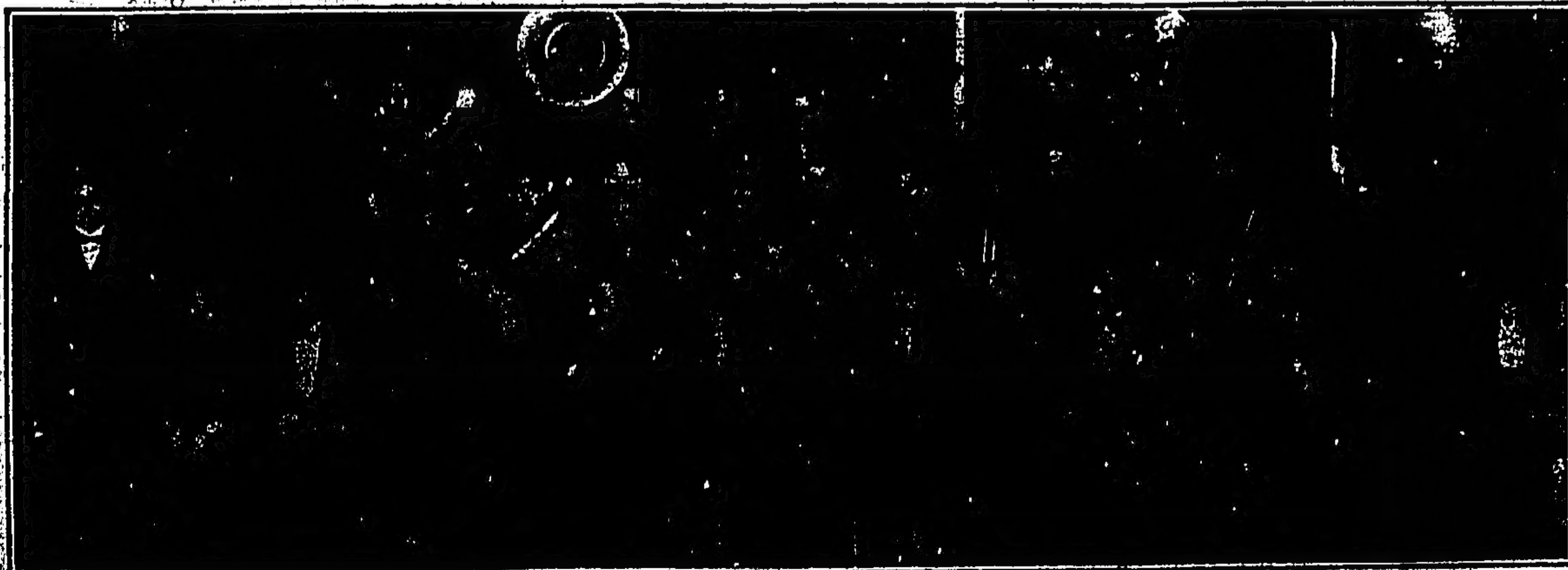
Mrs. Eric Louw, wife of Hon. Eric Louw, the first Minister Plenipotentiary of the Government of the Union of South Africa accredited to the United States, as she was snapped in front of her residence at the South African Legation in Washington.

Woman's Invasion



Mrs. Frank C. Henderson, prominent New York society woman, leads the way for women in the art of pipe-smoking. Although the art of pipe-smoking for women is nothing new, as many considered it quite the fashion some years ago, the modern female has not gone in for it very much.

United Services Entertained



The British monthly concert for Sailors and Soldiers of all nationalities in Shanghai was given to a packed house at the Ferry Road recreation centre. In a speech, Mrs. R. G. Evans, M.B.E., Chairman of the British Forces Recreation Centres, thanked those who had taken part. The outstanding feature was the fine music of the Regimental Band of the 4th Regiment, U.S. Marine Corps, under the able conductorship of 1st Sgt. A. Olaguez (seated in centre, front row). The talented revues of the Fortunate Women's Association, under the capable direction of Miss A. Senna, and the delightful singing of those two favourites—Mrs. W. J. Leaman and Mr. D. J. Dones—were much enjoyed. Seated in centre, front row, to the right of Sgt. Olaguez, is Mrs. M. C. Senna, Chairman of the F.W.A., and on his left is Mrs. R. G. Evans, M.B.E., Chair-

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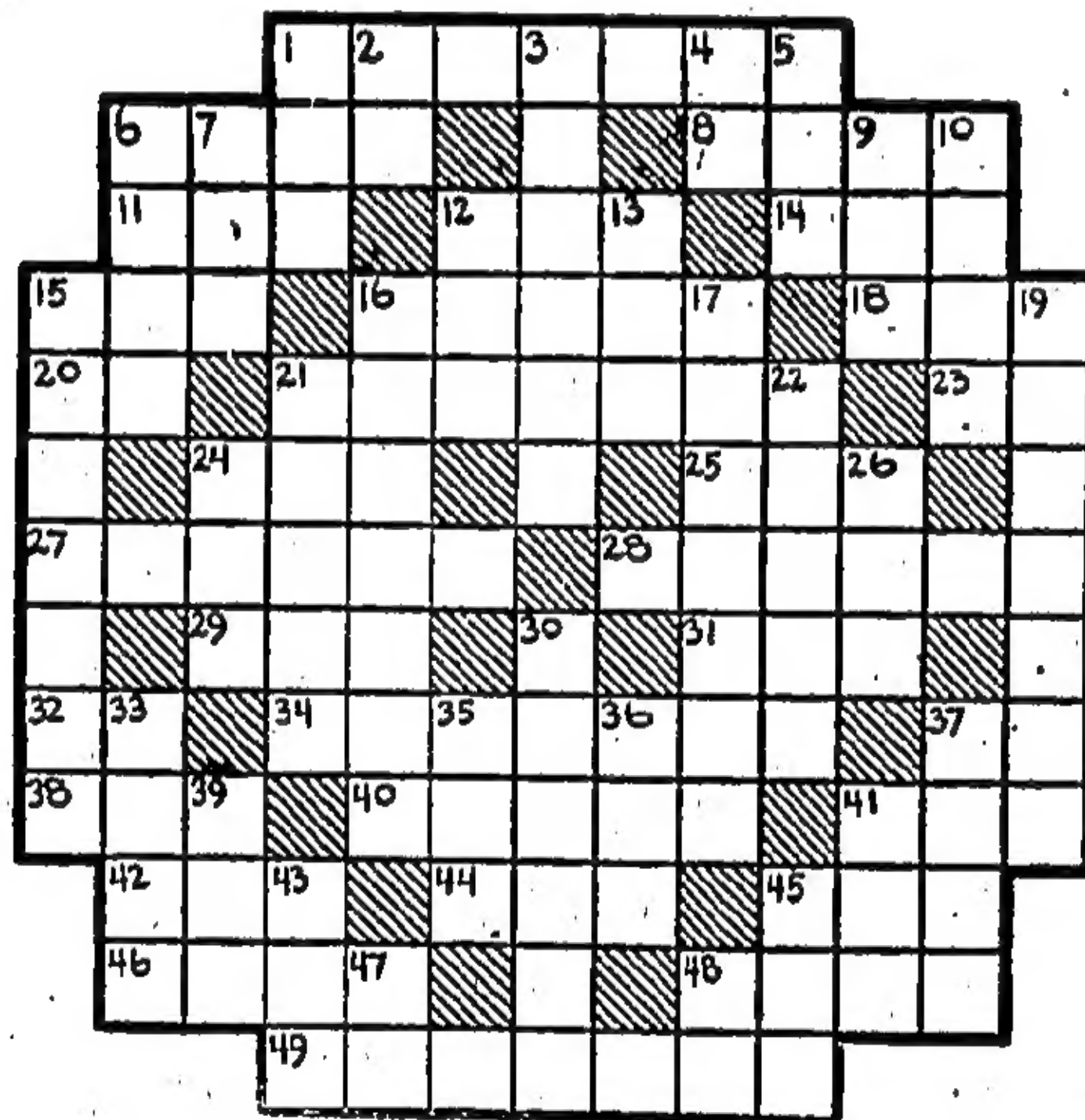


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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



- HORIZONTAL**
- The skull of an animal
 - Worry
 - A fleshy fruit of the gourd family
 - Goddess of the sea (Norse Myth.)
 - Stage of life
 - A beverage
 - A kind of fly
 - The quantity which expresses the potential energy of a system
 - Goddess of malicious mischief (Gr. Myth.)
 - King of Bashan (Bib.)
 - Combining form, Artery
 - Exclamation of surprise
 - A large monkey
 - A relative (abbr.)
 - Savage
 - A large rock-boring tool
 - Adequate
- HORIZONTAL (Cont.)**
- Fellow of American Academy (abbr.)
 - Egyptian sun god
 - Jungle animal
 - Exile
 - An epoch
 - Place where milk is kept
 - Insect
 - Mischivous child
 - Royal Naval Reserve (abbr.)
 - A diving bird
 - One who dyes
 - Vessey
 - Provoked
- VERTICAL**
- A large fire in the open air
 - Bull
 - A collection of books
 - Serious
 - A month
 - A mountain nymph (Class. Myth.)
 - American Expeditionary Forces (abbr.)
 - Goddess of Agriculture (Rom. Myth.)
 - A small keyboard musical instrument
 - Propeller
 - Arrive (abbr.)
 - Stained with writing fluid
 - A feminine name
 - Country of Europe (abbr.)
 - Enclosure
 - Army Ordinance
 - Department (abbr.)
 - Musical note
 - Protestant Episcopal (abbr.)
- VERTICAL (Cont.)**
- 100 years (abbr.)
 - Right (abbr.)
 - A lump of gold
 - Above
 - Joined
 - Amphibious web-footed animal
 - Rooted
 - Vegetable
 - Profane swearing
 - Skill
 - Organ of hearing

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

A RENEWED SEARCH FOR INCAS' GOLD

DISCOVERY REVIVES ANCIENT QUEST
FABULOUS TREASURE

Just as New York, with memories of Blackbeard and Captain Kidd, now and again revives the vision of a possible unearthing of pirate hoards in the neighbourhood, so Peru still dreams of some day retrieving a successfully secreted Inca treasure. The recent discovery by prospectors near the Pass of Anjuyu, in Ecuador, of a cave containing an Inca idol and a number of skeletons, has led to the hope that the long lost treasure lies near by. The hope is bolstered by circumstantial evidence of the existence of such a treasure trove. Years ago a poor Spaniard named Valverde suddenly appeared, possessed of such vast wealth that no one could imagine anything except that he had found a hidden treasure. Tradition had long held that somewhere in the fastnesses of the mountains was a cave full of rich jewels and precious metals which the Incas had stored away. Rumour had it that Valverde had come upon it. He admitted it, and his dying bequest to the King of Spain was the secret of the cave's location.

Generations of adventurers since then have applied themselves to the quest, goaded on by the glamour of buried wealth. But at the mountain called Magsasita the trail was always lost. That far the features of the landscape coincided unmistakably with Valverde's description, according to the British botanist, Richard Spruce, who undertook the quest in 1857; but further than that all were at a loss what course to pursue.

Wealth Undreamed of
The Inca wealth at the time of the arrival in Peru of Francis Pizarro and his men was almost incredible to Europeans. Here at last the dream of riches unbounded, which had lured Spain into the unknown on the path of discovery, appeared fully realized. No sooner had the white man landed than natives of the coast began to relate to them accounts of the powerful monarch who ruled the land and of his resplendent capital in a valley of the mountains—the city of the Sun, blazing with gold and silver.

The Inca governed his people with a despotic hand. All that they were and did was according to law and order. They knew no poverty, no want, but for this security was exacted unending industry. In labour they paid their taxes; and enormous were the public works that resulted—astounding the riches amassed for palace and temple.

The eyes of Pizarro's men glistened when they beheld the envoys of Atahualpa, the Inca, approach, quaffing their native chicha from golden goblets. When finally the Spaniards reached Atahualpa's luxurious camp at Caxamalca, they were themselves served from enormous golden vessels. The Inca received the strangers with friendliness, and lodged them in the deserted town near by, assuring them that he would visit them on the following day.

Moving toward the town with all his army in battle array, the Inca halted on the plain, sending word that with an unarmed retinue he would enter the town to pass the night as the Spaniard's guests. He came borne on a throne of massive gold, shaded by a palanquin lined with the plumes of tropical birds and studded with plates of silver and gold. Around his neck was a collar of brilliant emeralds and in his short hair were ornaments of gold. It was the visit of one sovereign to the representative of another.

A Treacherous Capture
But the Spaniards, meantime, had laid a plot. They would capture the Child of the Sun there amid his armies and so gain the key to the conquest of Peru. This scheme they boldly accomplished by a massacre of Atahualpa's defenceless attendants. Then they pursued his terror-stricken armies beyond his encampment and brought back with them vessels and table plate of great size and weight and many fine emeralds.

But this was nothing to what the conquerors were presently to see. Atahualpa, perceiving their greed for gold, schemed to turn it to the purchase of his freedom. Prescott, in his monumental history of the conquest of Peru, has set forth the story in detail.

The captive Inca one day proposed to Pizarro that he would cover the floor of the apartment in which they stood with gold in return for his release from captivity. The Spaniards gazed at him incredulously, whereupon he insisted that he would fill the room as high as he could reach. At first they took his offer for no more than insane boasting. Then Pizarro, concluding there must be some foundation for the dazzling accounts he had heard, and suspecting that this would be a safe method of collecting all the wealth at the Inca's disposal easily and without risk of its being

purloined or secreted by the natives, agreed to accede to Atahualpa's proposal.

On the wall of the chamber, which measured seventeen feet by twenty-two, a red line was drawn nine feet from the floor, to indicate how high the treasure pile should reach; and a notary was called to record the contract. The ransom was to be assembled in two months, the captive monarch promised; and for good measure a smaller adjoining room was to be twice filled with silver. Couriers were sent to Cuzco, the capital, and other cities of the empire with orders from the idolized monarch and with instructions that neither temple nor public building was to be spared to make good his part of the agreement.

Vast Display of Wealth
In time Indian porters began to appear at the gates of Caxamalca laden with burdens of enormous value. Some of the articles weighed as much as 25 lb. On some day the treasure registered and placed under guard was worth many thousands of dollars. When the Spaniards complained that the Indian porters did not work fast enough, the Inca permitted some of his captors to go to his capital to take what they liked; and from Cuzco they brought 200 loads of gold. Seven hundred plates of gold, "the size of a chest lid," and from ten to twelve inches wide, were stripped from the walls of the Temple of the Sun, but the cornice of pure gold was too firmly imbedded in the masonry to be removed.

As the gold poured in the Spaniards, each eager for his share, could not wait for the room to be filled; and so Pizarro had a document drawn up publicly and proclaimed acquitting Atahualpa of completing the store. Then he applied himself to the division of the treasure. There were goblets, ewers, salvers, vases, ornaments and utensils, tiles and plates of solid gold; figures of animals and forms of plants. Especially admired was an ear of golden corn in a sheath of silver husks with a tassel of spun silver, and with a fountain having a jet of gold and golden animals and birds playing at its base. The most beautiful of the pieces were reserved intact as part of the royal fifth; the rest was melted down by Indian goldsmiths and parcelled out to the soldiers and their leaders.

Execution Demanded
No one in all history ever paid such a ransom. Its value amounted to more than £3,000,000, but little did it avail the ill-fated Inca. The Spaniards dared not set at liberty the person possessed of the force and influence to unite the Peruvians for resistance; neither did they dare to run the risk of transporting him with them as a prisoner. His execution was demanded. A mock trial was held; a long list of absurd charges was brought; and the prisoner, found guilty, was sentenced to be burned at the stake on the same day. Upon his acceptance of the Christian faith his sentence was modified to death by strangulation. August 29, 1533, saw the end of the last of the Incas.

The conquerors continued their quest for riches, seizing and looting Cuzco. But after the death of the Inca, fabulous treasures destined for the ransom were concealed in caves and other secret places. One of these found by Pizarro's men yielded many treasures, including a dozen life-size figures in precious metals. And now the discovery of an Inca idol and some skeletons has started anew the quest four centuries old.

STANDARD TIMES

Sunrise And Sunset In Colony

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for February (Standard time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich), are as follow:—

February	Sunrise	Sunset
5	7.01	6.14
6	7.01	6.14
7	7.00	6.15
8	6.59	6.16
9	6.59	6.16
10	6.58	6.17
11	6.58	6.18
12	6.57	6.19
13	6.57	6.19
14	6.56	6.20
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18	6.54	6.21
19	6.53	6.22
20	6.52	6.22
21	6.51	6.23
22	6.50	6.23
23	6.50	6.24
24	6.49	6.24
25	6.49	6.25
26	6.48	6.25
27	6.47	6.26
28	6.46	6.26

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DECREASE IN RESERVOIRS ON ISLAND
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Kowloon Water Supply
The total storage in the mainland reservoirs on Monday, February 3, amounted to 430.14 million gallons, showing a decrease of 2.69 million gallons during the past week.

The week's consumption amounted to 23.74 million gallons, not including 1.39 million gallons supplied to Water Boats at Lai Chi Kok. The yield from the Shing Mun River and streams during the week was 22.44 million gallons.

Storage
The following shows the amount in storage (million gallons) on the dates named:

1929	Hong Kong Mainland
April 22	329.38
May 6	311.72
June 3	237.90
June 17	192.75
July 8	167.79
August 5	125.88
September 2	187.13
October 7	1,880.13
November 4	1,699.58
December 2	1,514.80

1930	
January 6	1,279.77
" 13	1,235.50
" 20	1,188.37
" 27	1,145.55
February 3	1,097.85

The following figures show the weekly consumption (million gallons) on the dates mentioned:

1929	Hong Kong Mainland
April 22	37.56
May 6	33.03
June 3	27.48
June 17	27.14
July 8	27.21
July 22	25.523
August 5	31.85
September 2	50.86
October 7	58.41
November 4	54.22
December 2	46.90

1930
January 6 46.91 || " 13 | 46.60 |
" 20	47.50
" 27	47.10
February 3	50.75

† Highest in Kowloon during period of publication of weekly reports.
‡ Lowest in Kowloon recorded in 1929.
§ Lowest in Island in 1929.
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Documents prepared by American naval officers for use at the Disarmament Conference reveal that the United States Navy, in almost all important details, is above the Washington Treaty scale, and outclasses the British Navy in every respect except small cruisers.

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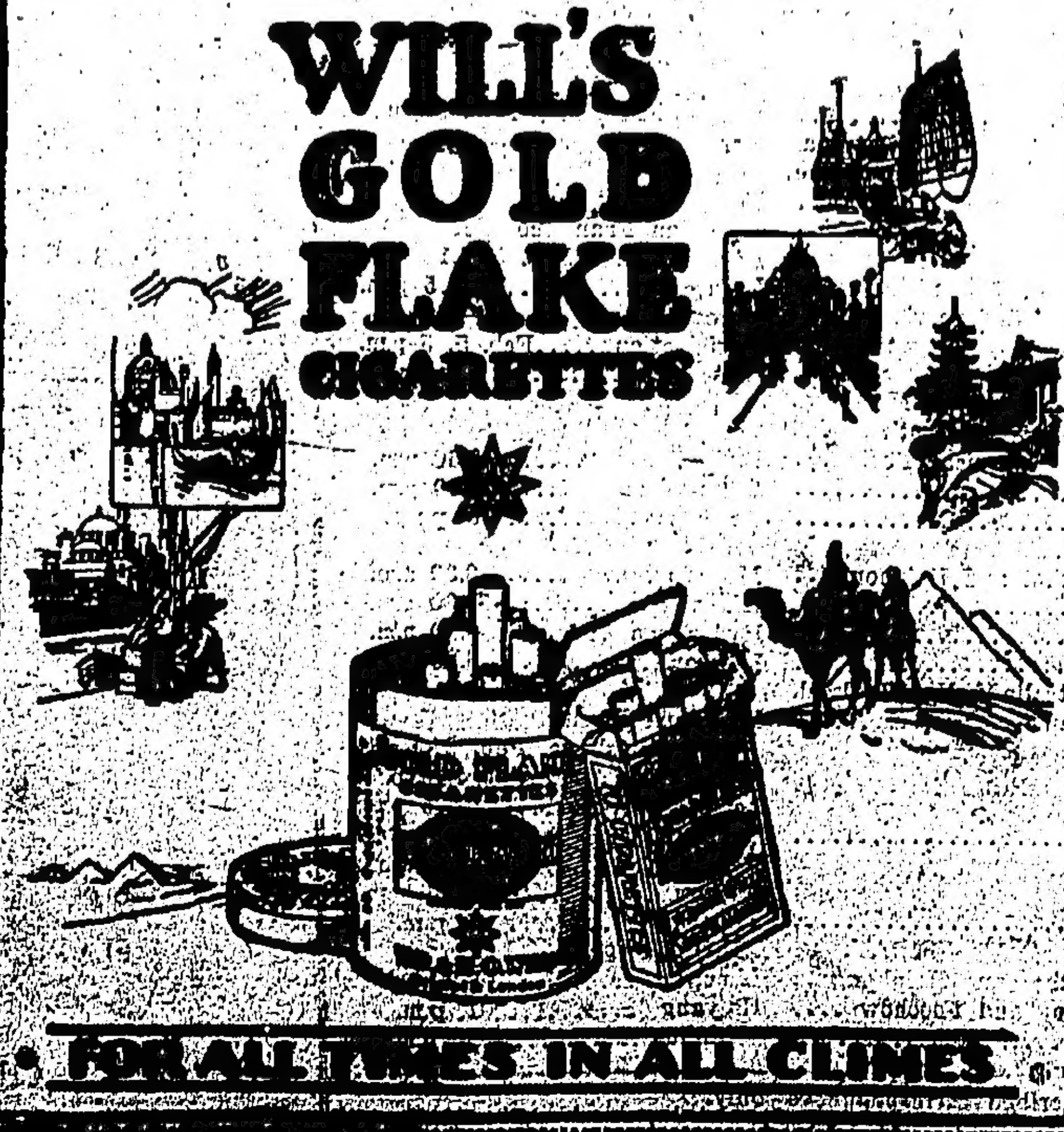
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INWARD MAILS

From THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

Java Tjilondari
Amoy Talma
Europe via Negapatam (Letters only, London, January 9) Menelaus

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7.

Japan, Shanghai & Europe Siberia (London, January 18) Hakusan Maru
Manila Empress of Asia

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8.

U.S.A. (San Francisco, Jan. 10), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai President Harrison

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9.

Europe via Negapatam (Papers only, London, January 9) Kutsang

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For WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

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Straits Remo 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

Holhow, Pakhoi and Halphong Monado Maru 8.30 a.m.
Sandakan Himsang 10.30 a.m.
Swatow Hydrangea 2.30 p.m.
Saigon Helikon 3.30 p.m.

Manila, Australia & New Zealand, via Brisbane
Himalaya Maru
(Due Brisbane, Feb. 24.)
Registration Feb. 6, 4.15 p.m.
Letters 5 p.m.

Shanghai Koomun
Registration Feb. 6, 5 p.m.
Letters 6 p.m.

Amoy Tjilondari 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7.

Holhow, Pakhoi and Halphong Langkow 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Paochow Himsang 10.30 a.m.
Halphong Hydrangea 2.30 p.m.

MUSEUM BOMB 'PLOT' EXPLODED

INFORMER ARRESTED BY SCOTLAND YARD

FIREWORKS AND PUTTY

London, Yesterday.

Frank Biggs, the discoverer of the British Museum "bomb" incident, has been detained by Scotland Yard. He will be charged with an offence under the Explosive Substances Act. It is understood that Scotland Yard are convinced that the whole affair, including the telephone warning, was a hoax. The "bomb" consisted of a cigarette tin containing putty and fireworks packings, chiefly gunpowder, and iron filings. The lid was securely fastened down, and a fuse of string inserted in it.—Reuter.

"MAY 30"

Shanghai Council Settles All Claims

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The Municipal Council has increased the compassionate grant to relatives of victims of the incident which took place in Nanking Road on May 30, 1925, from \$75,000 to \$150,000. A complete settlement has been reached.

There has been intermittent agitation over the question ever since the incident. The settlement was reached partly through the good offices of Yu Ya-ching who accepted the sum officially in satisfaction of all claims against the Council.—Reuter.

TIENTSIN TRAMWAYS

Chinese Find Flaws in the Management

Canton, Yesterday.

Concerning the recovery of the Electric and Tramway Concessions, which, according to agreement, are under foreign control, the Foreign Affairs Department in Tientsin has submitted to the Municipal Government the following points for negotiation:

1. That the laying of double rails on streets where the traffic is congested, is inconsistent with the agreement.
2. That the present electric and tramway operations have already gone beyond the scope of the agreement, which limits the privileges within a radius of six li, using Koolow as the centre.
3. That the supply of electricity to the different factories without the permission of the local authorities is an infringement of the terms agreed upon.—Canton News Agency.

U.S. & JAPAN

The Absurd Talk of Friction

PESSIMISTS ROUTED

Tokyo, Yesterday.

Mr. Castle, the new American Ambassador, in the course of his first public utterances in Japan—addressing a "dinner" of the American-Japan Society given in his honour this evening—stressed the need for replacing naval rivalry by friendly co-operation and mutual concession.

Mr. Castle pooh-poohed the "absurd talk of friction" between Japan and America over the development of great potential markets in China.

Expressing confidence that nobody will suggest that Japan should make any sacrifice endangering her national security or challenging her preponderant naval strength in the Far East the speaker emphasised his belief that Japan's influence as a stabilising factor in the regions of the Western Pacific was similar to that of the United States on the American Continent.

Success Depends on Goodwill
Proceeding, Mr. Castle declared that President Hoover did not send him to Japan to insist on the American viewpoint on such controversies as may arise in London, but sent him in order that there would be someone in Tokyo, who would be able to fully and frankly express his ideas.

Referring to the question of 10,000-ton cruisers the Ambassador said many people believe the Conference will stand or fall on this point, but he himself considers it more accurate to say, the Conference will stand, or fall according to the measure of goodwill shown by the participating nations.

Prominent Japanese at the dinner praised his speech especially the part reproving the scaremongers holding pessimistic views on Japanese and American friction in China.—Reuter.

RAILWAY STRIKE

Bombay, Yesterday.

A strike has started on the Great India Peninsula Railway involving 125,000 employees, but the services are being maintained generally.

The men demand improved wages and conditions.—Reuter.

EMBASSY PROTECTED

Paris, Yesterday.

In response to M. Dovgalevsky's request the Government has completed a system of Police protection for the Soviet Embassy.—Reuter.

BANKRUPT COUNCIL OF CHICAGO

CAPITULATION TO "CITIZEN" RESCUE COMMITTEE

"BIG BILLS" BLOOMER

New York, Yesterday.

The bankrupt City Council of Chicago has unanimously capitulated to the ultimatum of "the citizens' rescue committee," headed by Silas H. Strawn, who has command over \$10,000,000 and will advance the money as needed for running the City, subject to the committee's approval of the proposed expenditure on capitulation. Mayor "Big Bill" Thompson and his colleagues have relieved 40,000 City employees, who have been payless since Christmas.—Reuter's American Service.

DRUG TRAFFIC

Nanking Lays Blame On Peking

Geneva, Yesterday.

At a meeting of the League of Nations' Advisory Committee on Opium the unsuccessful attempt to import four tons of heroin into China in 1929 was discussed.

In replying to Mr. Lyall, the British representative, Mr. Woo Kai-seng said the import certificate was issued by the former Minister at Peking. He regretted to say the issue of such certificates had been fairly frequent. The Nanking Government considered all these certificates illegal and had forbidden their circulation.

An order had been issued for the arrest of the person concerned but it is feared he has absconded.—Reuter.

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